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BRAYDEN—December 23, 1917, killed in action at Jerusalem, Kevin, Lieutenant, London Irish, third son of W. H. Brayden, Shankill. "Quos contristat certa moriendi conditio eosdem consolatur futurae immortalitatis promissio."

BIRTHS.

O'LOINGSIGH—15/12/1927, do bhroinn Dia mac ar Fhionan O'Loingsigh agus ar a mhnaoi.

LYNCH—December 15, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Fionan Lynch, a son.

NEILL-WATSON—December 21, 1927, at Custann, Glenamuck road, Carrickmines, to Kathleen and Cecil Neill-Watson, a daughter (Susanna).

ROONEY—December 10, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rooney, Phibblestown House, Clonsilla, a son.

MARRIAGES.

DICKSON and DAVIS—December 8, 1927, at the Friends' Meeting House, Ballintore, County Wexford, Herbert Wilson, third son of David and Mrs. Dickson, of Port Glasgow, N.B., to Hilda Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Albert S. Davis and of Mrs. Davis, Cliff House, Enniscorthy.

FINNAMORE and MOUNSEY—December 14, 1927, at St. Catherine's Church, Tullamore, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Clonmacnoise, Thomas, only son of David and the late Mrs. Finnamore, Cloncollogue, Tullamore, to May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mounsey, Beech-Hill, Tullamore.

SWAN and MOORE—December 20, 1927, by special licence, at "Clonlea," Glenburn Park, by Rev. A. L. Harrison, B.A., Harold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swan, The Bungalow, Monaghan, to Mollie, second daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. R. Moore, "Clonlea," Glenburn Park, Belfast.

SILVER WEDDING.

PATERSON and CONWAY—December 23, at St. Brendan's Church, Birr, Queen's County, A. Russell, elder surviving son of the late A. Paterson, of Larchfield, Dundrum, to Ethel, younger daughter of the late M. E. Conway, of Corbally, Limerick, and Monkstown, County Dublin. Present address—20 Parker's road, Broomhill, Sheffield.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ATKINSON—December 21, 1927, at 29 Belgrave square, Monkstown, County Dublin, William Herbert Atkinson, B.L., second son of the late Carleton Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson, aged 51 years. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) morning, the 24th inst., at 10 o'clock, to Dean's Grange. No flowers.

BARNES—December 22, 1927, at Nursing Home, Robert Charles Barnes, aged 72, of 153 South Circular road. Funeral will leave above address at 10 a.m. for Mount Jerome at 10.15 to-morrow (Saturday)

BOYLE—December 21, 1927, at his father's residence, Slane, County Meath, Bernard Joseph, second dearly beloved son of Patrick and the late Elizabeth Boyle, to the inexpressible grief of his father, brothers, and sisters. Office and High Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Slane, this (Friday) morning, 23rd instant, at 11 o'clock. Funeral to New Cemetery, Navan, at 2 o'clock same day. R.I.P.

CUFFE—December 19, 1927, at Wyke Mark, near Winchester, Christopher Dermot, infant son of Colonel and Mrs. J. A. F. Cuffe. R.I.P.

DOBBS—December 22, 1927, at Lisreevis, Dundrum, County Dublin, William Bellingham Dobbs, son of the late William Dobbs, of Castlecomer. Funeral strictly private. No flowers.

DOWNES—December 21, 1927, at The Cottage, Kilkenny, Kathleen, widow of the late James Downes, Adamstown House, County Wexford, in her 80th year. R.I.P. Office and High Mass at 11 a.m. to-day (Friday) at Adamstown. Funeral immediately afterwards.

EUSTACE—December 21, 1927, suddenly, Henry Marcus Eustace, M.D., of Elmhurst, Glasnevin, aged 59 years, second son of the late John Eustace, M.D. Funeral (private) arriving at Friends' Burial Ground, Temple Hill, at 11 o'clock this (Friday) morning, the 23rd. No flowers.

FARRELL—December 22, 1927, at Private Nursing Home, 96 Lower Leeson street, Dublin, Francis Farrell, 18 New street, son of Denis and the late Mrs. E. Farrell, Porterstown, Kill, County Kildare, to the great grief of his sorrowing wife, father, brothers and sisters, and a large circle of friends. R.I.P. Funeral from Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, Francis street, to-morrow (Saturday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass, to Glasnevin.

FIELD—December 22, 1927, at Idrone terrace, Blackrock, Mary, daughter of the late John and Grace Field, Main street. R.I.P. Funeral (private) to Tulla this (Friday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass, from St. John the Baptist's Church.

GUBBINS—December 21, 1927, Frances Gertrude, widow of Thomas Wise Gubbins, of Dunkathel, Glanmire, County Cork.

HUBBARD—December 22, 1927, at 34 Donore road, S.C. road, James Hubbard (late of Messrs. Curtis, Abbey street and Inchicore Works), after a brief illness. Deeply mourned. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral (private) to Mount Jerome to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

KIRWAN—December 21, 1927, at his residence, Clongowney, suddenly, James Kirwan, aged 63 years. Funeral to Eglish Cemetery to-day (Friday) at 1 p.m.

LOUGHRAN—December 21, 1927, at Riverstown, Kilmessan, Patrick Loughran. R.I.P. High Mass at Skryne Church at 11 o'clock this (Friday) morning, 23rd. Funeral at 2 o'clock from Kilmessan Church to New Cemetery.

MAY—December 21, 1927, at 26 Eblana street, Belfast, Hester, widow of the late Richard Birch May, of Newry, and daughter of the late Canon Edward Hallam, of Camolin, County Wexford. Funeral private.

PALMER—December 22, 1927, Mary, for 61 years the beloved wife of the late Charles Colley Palmer, D.L., of Rahan, County Kildare, aged 84 years. Funeral private.

TODD—December 19, 1927, accidentally killed, Alicia Todd, Kinkora, Wimbledon, daughter of the late Armstrong Todd, M.B., formerly of Grosvenor street, London, W.

WALKER—December 22, 1927, at his residence, Wool Green, Carnew, William Walker, aged 67 years. Funeral at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Lazenby and family wish to thank their many kind friends who sent wreaths and messages of sympathy in their recent sorrow.

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IRISH ARCHITECTS.

QUESTION OF REGISTRATION.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland was held at 8 Merrion square, Dublin. The President (Mr. James H. Webb, F.R.I.A.I.) presided. The following members were declared elected to the Council for the ensuing session:—Messrs. J. J. Robinson, L. F. Giron, T. J. Byrne, F. Hayes, G. F. Beckett, F. G. Hicks, R. M. Butler, C. H. Mitchell and H. G. Leask.

The Hon. Secretary read the annual report of the Council, in which reference was made to the question of registration. It was stated that negotiations had been entered into with the Institution of Civil Engineers with a view to discussing this question, and considerable progress had been made.

Reference was made to the work of the Committee appointed to assist the Corporation in regard to the reconstruction of Sackville street, and the Council expressed satisfaction with the work carried out by this Committee, whose labours have now almost come to a close.

Attention was drawn to proposals made by Professor Butler, acting on behalf of the National University, to inaugurate a new certificate course at the University for architectural students who had not matriculated, and it was stated that the Council had approved a preliminary syllabus for this course.

CO. DUBLIN LIBRARY LECTURES.

A very interesting lecture, presided over by the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, Chairman of Malahide Library Committee, was delivered by the Rev. John Burke, B.A., Dean of University College, Dublin, in the Library at Malahide on Wednesday last.

The subject was "Church Music and Liturgy," and Father Burke traced in a most interesting manner the development of plain chant and Gregorian music from the intoned prayers of the clergy and congregation. With an interesting series of lantern slides, reproduced from music drawn by the monks at Caldey Abbey, he showed the essential simplicity and reverence inherent in true liturgical music. Some members of the boys' choir of Corpus Christi Church, Drumcondra, sang from the examples on the screen, and both in phrasing and sweetness they reflected great credit on the training that they have been given by Father Burke.

Archdeacon Lindsay, in proposing a vote of thanks to Father Burke, expressed himself very pleased with the attentive manner in which the large audience had listened to Father Burke's discourse, and wished his hearers, especially those who are members of church choirs, to remember Father Burke's saying, that "the prayer must come first and the music must be part of the prayer."

HARBOUR AUTHORITIES' ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday a letter was received from the Secretary to the Cork Harbour Commissioners in reference to Mr. John Hollwey's nomination to the Dock and Harbour Authorities' Association, stating that, in view of the fact that they were rather late in nominating Mr. Sean French, T.D., they had now withdrawn his name. They trust that the Dublin and Limerick Harbour authorities will support their nominee next year.

In a letter from the Dock and Harbour Authorities' Association it was stated that Mr. French's withdrawal left Mr. Hollwey the sole nominee from the members of the Irish Free State for service on the Committee for 1928.

The Chairman (Mr. T. R. McCullagh)—That is a satisfactory ending of the matter.

FERMANAGH OFFICIALS' ESCAPE

When Mr. R. L. White, of the Fermanagh County Council staff, and Mr. W. Thompson, Enniskillen postal staff, were motoring to Newtownbutler, the car, on account of the slippery state of the road, mounted a ditch and turned a complete somersault. Both occupants escaped uninjured.

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NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres. (960 Kc.)

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GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres (740 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. 3.15—Dance Music. 4.15—Some Christmas Readings, Wireless Quintet, Robert Donat. 5.15—Children. 5.58—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 6.0—A Musical Fairy Tale. 6.30—From London. 6.45—From Edinburgh. 6.50-11.0—From London.

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3.30—Variety. From Birmingham. Edith James and her Entertainers. 4.0—Dance Music. Harold Turley's Band. 5.0—A Ballad Concert. Leslie Bennett (Baritone). Cecil Baumer (Pianoforte). 5.45—Children. "The Shoemaker." A Christmas Opera for Children, by Robin Milford. Birmingham Studio (Ladies') Chorus. Incidental Music by the Birmingham Studio String Quartet and Flute. 6.30—Greenwich time, Weather and News. 6.45—From Birmingham. Studio Orchestra. Charles Dean (Baritone)... 8.0—The London Radio Dance Band. 9.0—Santos Casani: "A Lesson in The New Waltz"—II. 9.15—Dance Music. 10.0—Weather and News. 10.15-11.15—A Christmas Fantasy. From Birmingham. Written by John Overton. With Incidental Music by the Birmingham Studio Orchestra.

FERMANAGH VILLAGE'S WATER SUPPLY.

For thirty years Tempo has been agitating for a water supply, and at Enniskillen Rural Council last Wednesday a report was read from Dr. Caraher, medical officer, that the present water supply was scandalous, while sewerage was non-existent.

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Mr. F. E. Townsend, architect, said that he did not think it advisable to prepare plans for the water supply, as the Tempo people were not willing to pay for it, and he suggested the postponement of the scheme until the area of charge was settled.

The Chairman (Lord Belmore) said that Tempo would have to pay for its own water supply.

Clerk—Why should Tempo have to pay? It should be a district charge. Tempo is paying its share of the water and sewerage scheme in other villages.

It was ordered that Mr. Townsend proceed with the scheme.

CASTLE PARK SCHOOL, DALKEY.

The Castle Park Old Boys' Society dinner was held last Tuesday at Jury's Hotel, Dublin, Mr. W. P. Toone, M.A., President, presiding. The following officers and committee were elected for 1928:—President—Mr. W. P. Toone, M.A. Vice-Presidents—Lieutenant-Commander G. E. C. Browne, R.N., Mr D. T. Figgis. Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. D. Battley. Hon. Treasurer—Mr. I. Millar. Committee—Messrs. J. R. Blakeney, J. K. Murray, A. D. Pringle, L. W. Webb, J. D. Chambers, F. Mullan, Captain V. Toler-Aylward, Mr. C. B. Owen, Lieutenant G. Marescaux, R.N.

The Legislative Council (Upper House) of New South Wales on Wednesday rejected a bill introduced by the Government with the object of empowering municipalities to assume control of the supply and distribution of milk.

FATAL DUBLIN STAGE ACCIDENT.

INQUEST ON LOCAL ACTOR.

A verdict that death was due to pneumonia and cardiac failure, accelerated by fracture of the thigh, was returned at the inquest in Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, on David Davis (54), widower, of 31 Upper Gloucester street, who died in that institution on the 20th inst., following injuries received while taking part in the play, "Kathleen Mavourneen," at the Queen's Theatre on the 14th inst.

Mr. Patrick J. Burke said that he was in charge of the play, which was performed twice nightly from the 12th inst. At 10.20 on the 14th inst., in Scene 4 of the play, there was a "turn" called "Fairy Cragg," in which Davis and a man named Wildman and the witness took part. While rushing at the witness Davis fell, and, as he did not get up, the curtain was rung down. Davis complained of injury to his left thigh, and was taken to hospital.

Questioned by Mr. P. H. O'Reilly, solicitor, who represented the Queen's Theatre, the witness said that the stage was covered with stage cloth, and the floor was in good condition. It was not possible for Davis to have struck any scenery, because the accident happened in the centre of the stage.

James Wildman, who took part in the scene, agreed with the last witness.

Dr. Charles Patrick Hearty said that Davis was suffering from a fracture of the left thigh bone, also from chronic bronchitis and heart disease. The cause of death was cardiac failure, accelerated by the fracture of the leg.

The jury found as stated, and that the occurrence was accidental.

Inspector Dunleavy represented the Civic Guards.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Mr. F. J. Fitzpatrick presided at the December meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. Mr. George A. Moonan was, on the motion of Mr. Denis Nugent, Vice-President of the Society, seconded by Mr. T. J. Doyle, appointed Standing Counsel to the Society. Mr. Moonan's immediate predecessor in the office was Mr. Justice Hanna, who occupied the position until his elevation to the judicial bench. Mr. Justice Hanna succeeded the late Mr. Justice Gordon in the office.

The Vice-President (Mr. Nugent) proposed the co-option of Mr. M. J. Kieran, registered druggist, as a member of the Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. James Fleming. He (Mr. Nugent) firmly believed that were it not for Mr. Kieran's association with the Legislation Sub-Committee, the pharmaceutical chemists and the registered druggists would still be in the same position they had been a few years ago—antagonistic to one another. Through the good offices of Mr. Kieran they had come to an agreement.

Mr. J. J. R. Kerr seconded.

Mr. Patrick Brooke Kelly expressed his gratification at the prospect of having a registered druggist on the Council once more.

The President said that they could keep good faith with the druggists by co-opting one now and again when they got the right kind of candidate.

Mr. Kieran was co-opted unanimously.

Mr. P. D. Larkin spoke of the advisability of having the classes in the technical schools, whose courses were recognised by the Society, open to inspection by a member of the Council or his representative.

The President said that it was always understood that they were, at reasonable times, of course. The head of the Dublin Technical Schools had invited them to visit them and to appoint an inspection committee.

The President, in reply to Mr. James McCormack, stated that candidates for the licence examination were examined in the provisions of the pharmacy and poisons laws, and of the Dangerous Drugs Act.

In the course of a discussion which followed, the necessity was emphasised of pharmacists throughout the country carrying out their duties in strict accordance with the provisions of the Dangerous Drugs Act.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

RECORD ATTENDANCE OF GOVERNORS.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables was held at the hospital on Tuesday, 20th inst., at 9.30 o'clock, William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), presiding.

There were 376 Governors present, which constitutes a record attendance.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read, confirmed and signed.

Mrs. J. E. Bernard, Mrs. J. I. Cantwell, Sir Joseph A. Glynn and Major Arthur Whewell, having consented to act, were appointed Visiting Governors for the month.

Payments gratefully acknowledged, and six new Life Governors were unanimously elected as such:—George B. Symes, Esq., qualifying as Life Governor, Miss Lillian M. Symes, £21; Miss J. E. F. Reid (per A. T. Barber, Esq.), £21; Arthur H. S. Orpen, Esq., £21; J. Lyons Jones, Esq., qualifying as Life Governor, Mrs. J. Lyons Jones, £21; "Anonymous," qualifying as Life Governor, Miss Maude Townsend, £25; Wilfred FitzGerald, Esq., nominating as Life Governor John David FitzGerald, Esq.

The Chairman appealed to the many friends of the Charity for financial assistance. Life Governors are qualified as such by payment of £21. They are entitled to visit the hospital at all times consistent with its due order, to recommend candidates for admission, and to vote for their election and to vote for the election of the Managing Committee and Visiting Medical Officer. All contributions of £5 5/- received before 31st December entitle kind donors to all the privileges of Life Governorship for one year from 1st January, next.

It was announced that Christmas Day would be celebrated in the hospital on Monday, 26th inst., this year, and in the usual time-honoured manner. Dinner will be served to the patients in the wards at 12 o'clock. Governors and friends are cordially invited to be present. Music and singing will be greatly appreciated. Any contributions towards the Christmas Delicacies' Fund (which is still open) will be gratefully received by the Matron or Registrar.

The election of patients was then proceeded with. Twenty-three names appeared on the printed list, and ten candidates were in attendance. All the absentees were certified by Dr. Preston Ball as unable to be present.

The following having obtained the highest number of votes were declared duly elected patients, five for immediate admission and two to remain out on a weekly allowance from the funds pending suitable vacancies:—Catherine Cuthbert, cancer of bowel; Mary Flynn, cancer of face; Nellie Power, consumption; Ida P. E. Booker, progressive paralysis; Martha Fitzsimons, rheumatoid arthritis; Bridget Finnegan, progressive paralysis; Elizabeth McCormick, partial paralysis. The Board were reluctantly obliged to reject sixteen distressing cases of paralysis, heart disease and rheumatoid arthritis through lack of further accommodation, and adjourned to Tuesday, 17th January, 1928.

The Board tender their grateful thanks for the following kind contributions received since last meeting:—£8—E. P. Culverwell, Esq., S.F.T.C.D., and Mrs. Culverwell. £5 5/—Joseph Delahunt, Esq. £5—"A Friend, R.B." £3 3/—Messrs. Edward Lee and Co., Ltd. £2 2/- each—Messrs. Alex. Findlater and Co., Ltd.; Stamford H. Roche, Esq.; Messrs. J. B. Johnstone, Ltd.; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer). £2 each—George B. Symes, Esq.; Eudo Bellingham, Esq.; W. Wilson, Esq.; Mrs. A. M. Miller, Miss Davy. £1 1/- each—H. Hatch, Esq.; Mrs. Spear, Miss W. M. E. Seeds, Vere D. Heuston, Esq. £1 each—Miss Clare Mooney, L. Morrogh Ryan, Esq.; Mrs. M. E. Erant, Mrs. and Miss Yowell, Mrs. W. J. Cumisky, Rev. Percy McGough, C.C.; Rev. Aloysius Corbett, O.D.C.; Miss Constance E. Hatte. 10/—T. H. Wisdom, Esq.

Further contributions are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully received by William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), 27 Palmerston Gardens, Dublin; Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice-Chairman), 15 Upper Mount street, Dublin; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer), The Haven, Palmerston Gardens, Dublin, or by the Registrar, at the hospital.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN CATTLE, North Circular road, Thursday.—As was anticipated, there was a very substantial shrinkage in the numerical dimensions of our live-stock gathering on market here this week, and supply largely consisted of re-entries from last Thursday's overplus. Of course, both home and export buyers had previously covered their main immediate requirements, and somewhat of a holiday disposition dominated to-day's proceedings. In the circumstances market altogether was scarcely any real test or lead to true value barometer. In the opening stages of business tip-top, well-finished, heavy bullocks were looked for, and the moderate percentage of the right sort available were quickly cashed to London commission men; but heifers, no matter of what quality (barring those fancy exhibits inside 7 to 8 or 9 cwt.) proved a negligible sale. Trade for some time after opening ruled slack and uncertain, as, owing to late arrival of cross-Channel boats, several important clients did not put in an appearance until after 8 o'clock, when their appearance and support put a rather busier aspect and more confidence into matters, in which heifers then partially participated. Choice, small-weight, stall-fed cattle averaged 40s. to 41s. 6d. and 42s. 6d., with a few isolated fancy transactions around 44s. Prime, well-meated steers, say, 37s. 6d. to 39s., and a few tip-toppers around 40s., plainer bullocks of best commercial run 35s. to 36s. 6d., and commoner grades of cattle 32s. to 34s. Beef cows a disappointing and bad sale, in absence of Belfast and shipping support. In sheep department, fresh consignments of prime wethers and hoggets placed satisfactory enough at about previous terms, but a considerable number of sheep overheld from last Thursday were again tedious to negotiate, and many pens were let go at same money previously refused for them. There was a decidedly better inquiry for hogget lambs of fat quality, but other sorts without improvement. Best classes averaged 50s. to 55s. and 56s. per head, but occasional odd selections went 1s. or 2s. per head more. Choice-quality mutton 9½d. to 10d. and 10½d. per lb.; medium, 8d. to 9d.; inferior, 6d. to 7½d. per lb. The market generally lacked its normal interest, and was difficult to sell up at rather in-and-out rates.

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1926.	1925.
Beasts ...	2,733—decrease 3,044	2,021	1,891
Sheep, etc.	3,384—decrease 4,889	2,342	1,698
Veal Calves ...	2—decrease 12	—	6

DUBLIN DAIRY CATTLE.—Only 96 exhibits of milch cattle were brought in here yesterday. Really tip-top fresh heavy stockers, and also well-bred heifers of good promise and perfect bag and spins found ready buyers around previous values, but ordinary and doubtful sorts of cows proved a negligible sale.

DUBLIN PIG.—Entries on this market embraced but 270 head of swine. Before day light all suitable porkers and A 1 bacon hogs had been cashed at, perhaps, firmer run of prices than last week, but wind up of market was scarcely so satisfactory, coming to the plainer and coarser sorts of swine. Tip-top small weight hogs went up to 80/- and 82/6, and heavier best types, say, 75/- to 77/6.

BRISTOL.—Only small attendance owing to nearness to Christmas and the fact that butchers' needs were already supplied. Practically no business, and quotations nominal.

YORK.—Very light entry of both Irish and English cattle, the former including some good quality beasts. Market of holiday character, but late rates were only maintained in the few sales effected. Light offer of dairy cattle; sales at late rates for best cows and heifers. Small supply of sheep, with very slow trade at last week's prices.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Supplies on the small side; business more brisk and practically a clearance, apart from heavy pigs. Sizeable bacons 13/- to 15/6, cutters 14/6 to 16/-, porkers 17/6 to 20/-, and sows 9/6 to 10/6 per score dead weight. Values up all round.

CARLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
CARLOW DECEMBER FAIRS, 1927.

TAKE NOTICE that the December PIG AND CATTLE FAIRS will be held on WEDNESDAY, 28th DECEMBER, and not on Thursday, the 29th, and Friday, the 30th December, as published in the Almanacs, 1927.

By Order,
WILLIAM A. LAWLER, Clerk of the Council.
Town Hall, Carlow, 22nd November, 1927. —(Advt.)

GRAIN

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—BALTIC.—WHEAT—Cargo market remained in the same dull state, and tendency of prices in buyers' favour, with Plate descriptions freely offered. White Pacific afloat sellers 48/9, Dec. and Jan. 49/6; No. 3 Northern Manitoba (Pacific shipment) afloat and Dec.-Jan. 50/-; West Australian loading, also first half Jan., 52/-; Rosafe 64lb. Jan. 49/-, 63lb. ditto 48/9; Barusso 64lb. Feb. 48/9. Parcels quiet, and tendency easier for Plate qualities. MAIZE—Cargoes in quiet request, but holders adhered to steady asking prices; Plate steamers loading sellers 36/- Dec. and Jan.-Feb. 36/3, Feb. 36/6, March 36/3, April 34/3. Parcels quietly steady; Plate Jan.-Feb. sold 35/4½ per 480lb. BARLEY steady, but inactive. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western Dec. sellers 37/-, Dan.-Bess.-Kus. Dec. 37/-, Karachi 39/-, Algerian-Tunisian Dec.-Jan. 35/6, Persian Jan. 35/3, and Plate 65 kilos Jan.-Feb. 36/6 per 400lb. OATS quiet of sale; Plate f.a.q. Dec. 25/9, Jan. 24/9, Jan.-Feb. 24/6; Chilian Jan.-Feb. 25/0 and Feb.-March 25/3 per 320lb.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—This market will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next for Christmas holidays. American and Argentine markets finished steadier than expected, and forward deliveries of wheat here showed a moderate improvement at the outset; then fluctuated slightly, and finished at about the best point, afternoon cables having no or little effect. C.i.f. parcels wheat No. 3 Manitoba afloat sold 49/6, Rosario-Santa Fe (64lb.) Jan. 48/10½ per qr. to Manchester. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE River Plate Dec.-Jan. sold 34/9, Jan.-Feb. 35/3 per qr. Wheat on the spot quiet, unaltered. Maize spot parcels quiet at 7/7½ to 7/8 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet and unchanged. Graded wheat futures opened ¼d. to ½d. per cental dearer; then fluctuated slightly, the market closing steady at ¼d. to ½d. per cental over Wednesday night. River Plate maize options nominally unchanged.

BRISTOL.—English wheat scarce at late rates. Foreign wheat firm; No. 3 Northern Manitoba 54/6. Oats quiet. Plate maize—Values unchanged. Grinding barley—Persian 35/6 to 35/9.

MANCHESTER.—English wheat unchanged from 43/6 per quarter on rails. New Cheshire oats steady, 9/3 to 10/- per cwt. on rail. English feeding barley quiet, 35/- to 42/- per quarter on rail. New English beans unchanged, 43/- per quarter on rail.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed from to-night until Wednesday morning for the Christmas holidays. BACON—Demand for most descriptions quiet. Danish being in moderate consumptive demand, while American attracts little attention, though the only quotable change is a partial decline of 1/- in American backs, which are now 72/- to 86/- per cwt. HAMS in small compass, and firmly held at fully late rates. Shoulders nominal in the absence of offering. LARD on the spot steady for American refined at late rates, but prime steam held for 6d. advance at 61/6 to 62/0 per cwt. CHEESE quiet, but not quotably altered. BUTTER still slow of sale, the recent decline in values failing to stimulate demand to any appreciable extent. EGGS steady at 24/6 to 26/- for Irish fresh hen and 19/- to 21/- for duck per 120.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT (Smithfield).—Supplies to market yesterday, 1,467 tons; 630 British and Irish produce and 837 imported. BEEF—A slow trade at lower prices; Scotch short sides 5/4 to 6/-, English long sides 4/- to 4/8; Argentine hindquarters chilled 3/8 to 4/4, do. forequarters chilled 2/4 to 2/6. MUTTON—A slow trade at lower prices; Scotch 6/- to 7/-, do. tegs 6/- to 7/-; English, including tegs, 5/4 to 6/8; New Zealand wethers 4/4 to 4/10, do. ewes 3/4 to 3/6, Australian wethers 3/4 to 3/8. LAMB—Scotch hill 5/6, New Zealand 6/2 to 7/-, Australian 5/- to 6/4. PORK—A big drop in prices; English under 10st. 6/4 to 7/4, do. 10st. to 15st. 5/- to 6/4, do. 15st. to 20st. 4/8 to 5/-, Irish 5/- to 6/8, New Zealand 4/8 to 5/4; sows, fat to 4/-. VEAL—Fat calves short and very dear; English, fat 7/4 to 10/-, do. bobbies 5/- to 6/-. POULTRY, RABBITS, GAME, etc.—A dead, slow trade and all prices lower. At per lb. or each, as the case may be, as follows:—Surrey chicken per lb., 1/4 to 1/9, country 1/2 to 1/4, Irish 1/- to 1/1, Belgian 1/- to 1/3, French 1/- to 1/1, Russian 11d. to 1/-; country ducklings 1/- to 1/2, English geese 9d. to 11d., French 7d. to 8d.; habbits, wild 6d. to 8½d., tame 6d. to 9d.; turkeys, Hungarian 8d. to 10d., English 1/4 to 1/7, Irish 1/1 to 1/4, Italian 11d. to 1/-, French 1/- to 1/3; grouse, best, young, each 4/- to 5/-, old 1/4 to 1/6; partridge, young 4/- to 5/-, old 1/3 to 1/5; pheasants 5/- to 5/6, Egyptian quail 1/- to 2/-. EGGS, per 120—English new laid, grade 1 24/- to 25/-, pullets 17/6 to 18/6, Danish 15½-16lbs 25/- to 26/-, 18lbs. 26/6 to 27/6, Dutch brown 24/6 to 25/6, mixed 22/6 to 23/6, Belgian 21/6 to 22/-, French all brown 22/- to 24/-, Britanny 17/6 to 18/-.

CARDIFF.—With Christmas trade in progress there has been more doing, but the aggregate is considerably under normal. Wholesale quotations, delivered in Cardiff district:—BACON—Irish baled steady at 83/- to 87/-, Danish dearer at 80/- to 84/-, Canadian Wiltshires lower at 73/- to 77/-; no American on offer. HAMS—Irish steady at 155/- to 175/-, American dearer at 106/- to 115/-. Shoulders nominally 70/- to 85/-. BUTTER lower; a limited trade confined to stored descriptions; creameries 160/- to 166/-, separators 154/- to 158/-, factory 146/- to 152/-, Danish 184/- to 188/-, all per cwt. EGGS—Irish hen cheaper at 25/- to 26/- per 120. POULTRY—Irish chickens 1/- to 1/3, hens 9d. to 1/- per lb.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Heavy supplies of seasonable stuff came in here yesterday morning, and sales were well supported—in fact, there was a good demand for practically everything offering. Cauliflowers 3/8 to 4/8 per dozen, seconds 2/- to 2/9; sprouts 1/6 to 3/3 per float, etc.; Swede turnips 1/8 to 2/1 per cwt.; Savoy cabbage 15/- to 30/- and extras 36/- to 41/- per load; Yorks 16/- to 25/-, 35/- and up to 41/- per load; parsley 1/- to 1/4 and 1/6 per tray, float, etc., and 3/6 to 4/- per bag; carrots 2/9 to 3/- per dozen bundles, and 4/6 to 5/6 per bag; parsnips 1/6 to 1/9 per dozen bundles, and 4/- to 5/- per bag; celery, prime table 3/6 to 5/9 per dozen, inferior and small 1/- to 3/- do.; beet 1/6 to 2/- per dozen; lettuce, imported, dear; thyme 3d. to 6d., sage 4d. to 5d. per bundle.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Practically no change in city trade for potatoes. Best selected qualities 5/- to 5/3 and 5/6 per cwt. Bulk quantities £4 5/- to £4 17/6 per ton.

COPENHAGEN.—BUTTER is quoted at 298 kroner per hundred kilos, which is equivalent to £8 6/9 per cwt., a decrease of 2/3 on the previous week.

DUBLIN FISH.—Fair fish supply from country and local boats; deliveries embraced 100 boxes herrings, 3 chests lobsters, and 165 boxes of stuff from two steamers. Trade good and values on dear level. Best lobsters 2/- to 2/6 each, others from 5/- to 12/6 and 15/- per 13 average; turbot 7/6 to 21/-, chicken sorts 1/- to 5/- each; brill 6d. to 6/- each; best soles 30/- to 55/- per 5 and 9 pairs, mediums 17/6 to 27/6, slips 7/6 to 10/- per lot. Half-boxes—Plaice 30/- to 100/- and 105/-, white soles 30/- to 50/-, whiting 15/- to 40/-, codfish 40/- to 90/-, hake 30/- to 95/-, haddocks 30/- to 60/-, pollock and ling 20/- to 25/-, conger eels 20/- to 25/-, ray 12/6 to 25/-, gurnard 10/- to 12/6, herrings 12/6 to 20/- and 22/6.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Good supplies, steady demand. Soles, 12d. to 16d.; slips, 10d. to 14d.; lobsters, 24d. to 36d.; per lb.; live eels, 12/- to 27/-; dead, 10/- to 24/- per draught; turbot, 12/- to 20/-; brill, 8/- to 12/-; plaice, 7/- to 12/-; halibut, 14/- to 15/-; lemon soles, 13/- to 16/-; cod, 4/- to 5/-; whiting, 2/- to 4/-; hake, 8/- to 11/-; skate, 4/- to 6/-; haddocks, 3/- to 6/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—Market quiet and without new feature. British refined, also British-grown, unaltered but trade of a holiday character. White terminal weaker; December sold 14/8¼, January 16/1½, March 16/6 to 16/6¾, May 16/9¾ to 16/10¼, August 17/1½. COFFEE—A quiet market, but the finer qualities maintain previous prices. COCOA—Accra F/F January-March sellers 54/- f.o.b. TEA—Private market was quiet; business was quite retail. SPICE—Pepper market steady; Muntok white January-March sold 1/9, Lampong do. quoted 1/3½. JUTE steady, quiet; firsts December-January sold £30 17/6 to £30 12/6, January-February £31 15/- to £31 2/6, February-March £31 12/6 to £31 10/-, March-April £32 to £31 17/6; lightnings December-January, also January-February sellers £26 17/6. HEMP—Manila firm, unaltered, but business virtually suspended for the holidays. SHELLAC—Market steady; fair T.N. spot 257/6, March sold 236/- to 234/-, May 226/- to 225/-. COPRA—Market quiet and easier; Straits F.M.S. December-January sellers £28 8/9. PALM KERNELS unaltered.

RUBBER in moderate support and market steady. Plantation standard sheet spot sold 1/7¼, January 1/8, January-March 1/8¼, April-June 1/8¾, July-September 1/8¾ to 1/9. RICE—Market quite featureless, and there was no appreciable revival in demand on European account. Spanish oiled for shipment quoted 17/- c.i.f. London. Beans quiet; Madagascar butters spot 18/- to 22/-, forward 19/6 c.i.f. London. Peas slow. OILS—Linseed steady; spot quoted 28/6, December 27/4½, January-April sold 27/7½, May-August 28/6. Rape quiet; crude spot 44/-, refined 46/-. Cotton slow; crude Egyptian spot 37/6, common edible 42/-, deodorised 44/-. Coconut dull; Ceylon spot pipes 44/-, January-February in usual backages 41/9, do. drums 41/-. Turpentine firmer; American spot 39/3, January-April 40/6. Rosin firmer; American B/D 19/6, F/G 19/9, H/I 20/-, N 22/9, W/G 24/-, W/W 26/-, French F/G 18/6, W/W 23/- per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed quietly steady; Calcutta to London November-December, also December-January £17, Plate to Hull afloat £15 12/6 to £15 13/9, December £15 5/-, December-January £14 18/9, January-February, also February-March £14 16/3. Rapeseed steady; Toria December-January £20, January-February £19 15/-. Cottonseed steady; Egyptian black to Hull December £11 15/-, January £11 16/3, white do. at 10/- per ton less, respectively; Bombay December-January £8 12/6. Ground nuts firmly held; Coromandel machined November-December £21 6/3, December-January £21 3/9, January-February £21 2/6, bold Bombay December-January and January-February £20 12/6 per ton.

LIVERPOOL SUGAR.—Tate and Lyle's quotations—Crystals: No. 1 31/9, small No. 1 31/3, No. 2 30/-, bright 29/10½; granulated—Standard 29/9, H.T.S. 29/10½, coarse 30/1½, fine 30/1½, ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes, ex refinery London, less 1½ p.c. discount—1st quality 32/6, H.T.S. 32/3, afternoon tea 32/9.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—The tone of the market is rather quieter, but there is no change in the position for near sugars. No ready for shipment Czecho sugars are offering, and anything near hand is bringing full prices.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON. — American futures opened about 5 to 6 points lower, and after partially recovering, prices again eased in the afternoon in sympathy with New York, and closed quiet, but steady. Sales, 5,000 bales (exports 100). American futures—Tendency quiet, steady. Closing quotations:—Dec., 10.32d., decrease 3; Jan, 10.28d., decrease 4; Feb., 10.26d., decrease 3; March, 10.28d., decrease 4; April, 10.26d., decrease 3; May, 10.28d., decrease 4; June, 10.25d., decrease 4; July, 10.24d., decrease 4; Aug., 10.14d., decrease 4; Sept., 10.03d., decrease 5; Oct., 9.92d., decrease 6; Nov., 9.87d., decrease 7; Dec., 9.87d., decrease 7. Egyptian futures—Tendency quiet. Sakels—Jan., 16.72d., decrease 4; March, 17.01d., decrease 5; May, 17.20d., decrease 5. Upper—Jan., 13.97d., decrease 9; March, 14.08d., decrease 10.

BRADFORD WOOL.—The market shows a holiday quietness, whilst stocktaking is another influence which prevents users from operating. The tone is good, however, and prices show no further easing, though they are in buyers' favour. Sixty-fours are quoted at 52d. and forties prepared at 22d. Yarns are also quiet, with prices steady.

MANCHESTER HAY AND STRAW—Steady trade in both hay and straw at late rates. Lincolnshire rye grass and clover, £6 10/-; Cheshire, £5 5/- to £5 10/-; meadow hay, £5 5/-; oat and wheat straw up to 55/-, delivered Manchester; prime Canadian mixed clover hay, £5 10/-; Canadian timothy, £5 15/- per ton, ex quay.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN LOWER.

Dealings in the TIN market were attended by slight irregularities, near positions being rather easier on liberal offerings, which were fairly well absorbed, however. On balance cash ruled 15/- to 17/6 per ton lower, but forward 5/- per ton dearer compared with the closing rates of Wednesday. Standard cash quoted £265 15/- to £265 17/6, three months £263 7/6 to £263 10/-; settlement price £265 15/-. 650 tons changed hands; cash at £266 5/- to £266, three months £263, £263 10/- and £263 7/6. English quoted £264 10/- to £265. COPPER firmer, and a considerable business effected, cash and forward showing a net gain of 10/- per ton on balance. Standard cash quoted £60 5/- to £60 6/3, three months £60 8/9 to £60 10/-; settlement price £60 5/-. 3,000 tons sold, comprising cash at £59 17/6 to £60 2/6, three months £60 to £60 10/-. Electros quoted £66 10/- to £67, wire bars £67. LEAD in good support and market firmer. 1,500 tons sold; good soft foreign pig Dec. at £22, Jan. £22 2/6, March £22 5/- to £22 6/3, April £22 7/6; settlement price £22. English quoted £23 5/-. SPELTER quietly steady. 225 tons sold; Dec. at £26 3/9, March £25 18/9 to £25 17/6; settlement price £26 2/6 per ton.

GLASGOW IRON AND STEEL.—Conditions are very quiet, consumers generally taking reduced quantities of material in preparation for holiday stocktaking. Quotations are unchanged.

THE SICK ANIMALS' DISPENSARY.

BAZAAR IN AID IN DUBLIN.

In aid of the Dublin Sick Animals' (of the Poor) Dispensary, 582 North Curcular road, a Christmas Bazaar, with singing and dancing competitions, was opened yesterday afternoon in the Little Theatre, William street. For the singing and dancing competitions, which were organised by Miss Pat O'Connor, cups and medals were presented by a number of firms and Dublin citizens.

A number of stalls were attractively arranged, and contained quantities of fancy articles, crackers, and novelties of various kinds appropriate to the Christmas season.

Mr. David Barry, O.B.E., in declaring the Bazaar open, said that he understood that the proceeds would go to the Dispensary for the Sick Animals of the Poor. He could not conceive of any better object than raising money to meet cases of sick and injured animals belonging to the poor, because, when these animals—whether it was a cat, a dog, an ass or a horse—got sick, the poor had not the means to provide veterinary assistance, and so the animals suffered on and died. Therefore, the Committee were doing a very praiseworthy work, and he would ask those present to show their appreciation of it by their purchases. They had not only a dispensary to prescribe and supply medicine, but they had accommodation for retaining the animals for the necessary attention after operation. Such work required financial aid, and he felt sure that that money would be forthcoming, and that the work would grow and increase in doing good. (Applause.)

Mr. James Comyn, in thanking Mr. Barry for his kindness in coming to open the Bazaar, said that it was only what they expected of such a good citizen, who was always anxious to help in any work of charity. (Hear, hear.) To Mrs. Murphy and the ladies associated with her was also due the hearty thanks of the people of Dublin for their work on behalf of dumb animals. (Hear, hear.)

The Bazaar will be continued to-day.

The stallholders were:—Mrs. W. R. E. Murphy, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Emerson, Madame Bannard Cogley, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. and Miss Tyrrel Smith, Mrs. O'Connor, Miss Pat O'Connor, Mrs. L. O'Loughlin, Mrs. Joyce, Miss Joyce, Miss Murphy, Miss McIntosh, and Miss Shiels.

LAMBS IN DECEMBER.

A ewe, belonging to Mr. Thomas Rutherford, Race View, Enniskillen, has just given birth to two lambs, both of which are in a healthy condition.

IRISH FAIR.

BALLYMAHON—The December fair was on the small side. There were many buyers present, and most of the stock was bought up. Except in the case of milch cows, cattle showed little if any advance. In some cases store cattle were difficult to sell. Three-year-olds made £18 to £21; two and a half-year-olds £14 to £17; one and a half-year-olds £10 to £13; fat sheep £2 10/- to £3 10/-; weanling calves £5 to £7.

At a meeting of the Blackrock Urban Council on Wednesday, Mr. W. Willoughby was co-opted by eleven votes to nine for Mr. Ashley Johnstone, in the room of the late Mr. J. H. Massey.

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"A LADY DOCTOR."

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

(BEFORE MR. COLLINS, K.C.)

Stated to have been wearing on her arm a badge indicating the medical or the nursing profession, and carrying a stethescope, a young woman, whose name was entered on the charge sheet as May Knott, *alias* King, *alias* Clarke, *alias* O'Reilly, appeared on remand, charged with obtaining board and lodging by falsely pretending that she was a lady doctor, with intent to defraud.

She was further charged with illegal possession of a cheque book; fraudulently obtaining a cheque book by means of a forged document; attempting fraudulently to obtain £3 from the manager of the Hibernian Bank, College Green, by presenting a forged cheque for that amount; obtaining a lady's dress, value £6, by presenting a forged cheque; and stealing a lady's frock by representing that she was "Dr. Clarke, of the Rotunda Hospital."

Mrs. Haughton, 22 Ellis's quay, gave evidence to the effect that the prisoner obtained board and lodging from her for which she owed her £4 4s. 0d. The prisoner wore on her arm a badge indicating the medical or the nursing profession, and had with her a stethescope. She said that she was Miss Clarke, a medical doctor, working in the College of Surgeons, and was getting two guineas a week to pay her "digs." The witness believed her statement. The prisoner left the house on the morning of the 10th October, and when the witness returned in the evening she found that the prisoner had taken all her belongings from her room. She never came back.

Mrs. Elizabeth Norton, of 6 O'Connell avenue, Berkeley road, said that the prisoner stayed with her for three weeks, and was to pay her 30s. a week. She told her that she was a lady doctor in the Rotunda. The witness, having asked for payment due, received from the prisoner a cheque for £6, the prisoner stating that she was paying for one week in advance. The bank refused to cash the cheque.

Evidence having been given by officials of the Hibernian Bank, and by an assistant in a shop in Mary street,

Detective Inspector O'Connell asked for a further remand, stating that when the new charges before the Justice were read over to the prisoner in the Bridewell, she made no reply. He knew the prisoner for a number of years. Her real name was King, and she was a native of County Monaghan. She was not, and never had been, a medical student or doctor.

The prisoner was further remanded for a week.

JUSTICE'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

WHAT THEY MIGHT COST.

(BEFORE MR. CUSSEN.)

On the conclusion of the arguments in connection with charges brought by the Free State Customs authorities in relation to the importation of motor cars,

Mr. Cussen said that he would reserve his decision.

The question of who was the importer, and who signed the declaration of the receipt of the cars having been raised,

Mr. Cussen, referring to the declaration, mentioned that that morning he had received through the post, from abroad, a number of articles which had been sent to him as Christmas presents. He paid on the parcels the postal duty that was demanded by the postman, but signed no declaration, and he wished to know who signed the declaration in that instance, or who was responsible or liable for what had occurred in the event of a prosecution.

Mr. Hogan, Superintendent of Customs, said that it was the Postmaster-General in that case who signed the declaration on behalf of the recipient.

Mr. Frank FitzGibbon, K.C.—If anything is false in that declaration all I can say is that your Christmas presents will cost you £500. (Laughter.)

MORE PIGS AND SHEEP EXPORTED.

FEWER SPRINGERS AND STORES.

FROM OUR AGRICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT.

Remarkable features of our live-stock exports for the past eleven months are the increases in the shipments of sheep and pigs. During the period under notice pig exports from all Irish ports totalled 295,414, or 143,399 more than the corresponding period of 1926. This fact effectively demonstrates the importance of our pig-breeding industry, apart altogether from the fresh pork trade, which during the past ten months was exported to the extent of 216,694 cwts., as compared with 127,901 cwts. during the corresponding period of 1926. The difficulty which pig-breeders are up against is the costliness of foodstuffs. If these could be brought down to a reasonable level, there would be less risk in pig feeding, especially with those who are in a position to supply home-grown produce. To a large extent, indeed, such feeders are independent of the so-called artificial foodstuffs.

Sheep exports during the past eleven months also moved upwards, the total being 604,381, or 106,028 more than the corresponding period of 1926. Most of these were fat sheep and lambs, the latter being in the majority.

Cattle, with a total export of 654,990 head for the eleven months, showed a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of 13,711. This occurred among springers and stores. Fat cattle advanced by almost 20,000 head, milch cows by over 9,000, and calves by 5,000.

The total number of animals exported was 1,563,690, or 235,371 more than the first eleven months of 1926.

MOTOR LORRY AND CART COLLIDE.

A collision between a military motor lorry and a horse-drawn cart of the Cleansing Department of Dublin Corporation occurred at Arran Quay, Dublin, yesterday morning, resulting in injuries to Corporal Kelly, who was in the lorry, and the death of the horse. The lorry, which, it is said, skidded, struck a tramcar causing some damage. Corporal Kelly was taken to the Richmond Hospital for treatment.

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THE OTHER SIDE.

On the same day when Mr. Quinn delivered his disturbing speech the Belfast Education Committee met in the City Hall, when the estimates were submitted for the ensuing financial year, the sum of £108,460 being required. Alderman Duff, who has all the facts at his finger ends, explained the position of affairs. Excellent progress was reported in all departments, and congratulations were offered to those in charge for work well done. A new problem, however, has been presented by the action of the Churches, and, no doubt, it will receive the careful and sympathetic consideration of the Committee. It would be a matter for regret if strained relations were to mar the beneficent influence of a measure which has fitly been described as the "Children's Charter" of the Northern province. Such a disaster could not be permitted.

TRINITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Trinity College Association of Northern Ireland, which was held in Belfast this week, was a pronounced success. Among the guests at dinner were the Provost of Trinity (Mr. E. J. Gwynn) and Dr. K. C. Bailey, F.T.C.D., while Colonel Sinclair, C.B., M.P., represented Queen's University, Belfast. The gathering was a very happy one, over one hundred members and their friends being present: and Colonel the Right Hon. Sharman-Crawford, D.L., who was elected President, expressed the hope that during his term of office all graduate and past graduate students of Trinity resident in the North would join the Association. The toast of Trinity College was responded to by the Provost, who got a great ovation, and by Dr. Bailey, the youngest Fellow of the College. Vacancies in the committee were filled by the election of the Dean of Belfast (Very Rev. H. R. Brett), Mr. T. H. Maxwell, K.C.; Mr. W. C. Gage and Major Gerald Ewart. Functions such as these tend to promote the friendly feelings so much to be desired between North and South.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

The King's Speech, which was read at the prorogation of the Northern Parliament yesterday, is optimistic in tone and hopeful for the future. Reference is made to the improvement in trade, and the success of the social services is dealt with in congratulatory terms. Looking back over the past year, one feels that there are grounds for a certain amount of satisfaction at the trend of events. There is encouragement in gradually increasing trade, and even the humblest individual in the community is looking forward with renewed faith and confidence to the coming year. Perhaps, best of all is the kindlier feeling that exists between the people of the North and South. The old animosities are fading away, and people are beginning to discover that "the other fellow" is not such a bad chap after all. On behalf of a host of North men, your correspondent would be glad if permission to send at this festive time a message of good-will to their fellow-countrymen on the Southern side of the border.

WAFTED INTO PARLIAMENT ON "DOLLY'S BRAE."

MR. COOPER AND INDEPENDENT UNIONISTS.

Mr. James Cooper, M.P., who was the principal speaker at an Orange reunion in the Archdale Memorial Hall, Enniskillen, referred to the redistribution of seats in Northern Ireland. He said that in future there would be eight separate seats in Fermanagh and Tyrone, instead of each member representing, as at present, two whole counties. Each member would have a separate area of his own to look after. As to the Independent Unionists in the Northern Parliament, it was remarkable that they on every occasion voted with the Nationalists and Socialists. On one occasion he was at a meeting of one of these Independent Unionists, and when he wanted to stir up enthusiasm he got his audience to sing "Dolly's Brae," and he got them to sing even a second verse, and that member was wafted into Parliament on the strains of "Dolly's Brae." But he voted on nearly every occasion with Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and the Socialists.

Mr. Cooper said that he rejoiced in the defeat of the new English Prayer-Book. If it had been passed, in ten years' time the children of England would have been so educated that they would be all ready to go into the Roman Church.

Mr. T. J. Crozier, J.P., Chairman, paid a tribute to Mr. Cooper's work, and said that, as Chairman of the County Council, he had got thousands for the county out of the Treasury.

BOXING.

CONTESTS AT MULLINGAR.

Several interesting contests were fought at a tournament held in the County Hall, Mullingar. McNally and Gavin, both local lads, drew after four even rounds, and, following an extra round, Hughes (Athlone) got the verdict over Braiden (Mullingar). Grehan (Mullingar) retired after the third round of his bout with Blackwell (Athlone). Another local lad, Killian, gave up at the end of the third session, Stenson (Mullingar) being declared the winner, and the fight between Boyle (Mullingar) and Lynam (Mullingar) went to the latter, Boyle retiring after the second round.

HARRY MASON'S WIN.

Harry Mason (Leeds), the European Lightweight Champion, in a 15 rounds contest at Premierland, London, last night, beat Billy Mattick (Castleford), the latter retiring at the end of the ninth round.

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SPRING HANDICAPS.

SMALLEST ENTRY FOR THE LINCOLNSHIRE SINCE 1919.

CAN PRIORY PARK WIN AGAIN?

THOUGHTS of the next flat-racing season are aroused by the publication of the entries for several of the important Spring Handicaps and other races which appear to-day.

Primary attention is directed to the Lincolnshire Handicap, for which the entry (45) cannot be deemed a satisfactory one. In fact, it is the smallest since 1919, the year racing was resumed after the war, when but 28 horses were entered. Last January the entry was 69, and in 1926 62; from 1921 to 1925 over 70 horses were nominated each year.

ORBINDOS.

Probably the horse who has been most talked about in connection with the Lincolnshire Handicap is Orbindos, and early speculators have the satisfaction of knowing that the colt has been entered. In the corresponding race last year Orbindos was only beaten a head after a thrilling finish with Priory Park, and that he had made good progress during the season is proved by the forward display he gave in the Cambridgeshire, finishing close up fourth to Medal, Niantic, and Insight II. Orbindos carried 6st. 12lb. in the last Lincolnshire, but against better class in the Cambridgeshire shouldered 7st. 10lb. As the Cambridgeshire running has so often proved a guide to the winner of the following Lincolnshire Handicap, no doubt Orbindos will become a popular choice for the first important race of the next flat racing season.

Priory Park is again entered, and probably will attempt to repeat his success of last March. Since the Lincolnshire Handicap was established in 1853 the race has only been won in successive years by one horse, the "Frenchman," Ob, who won in 1906 and 1907, and his success was attributed to the superior training conditions which existed in France. The success of Priory Park in the Lincolnshire Handicap was not a "flash in the pan," for in July he won the Stewards Cup at Goodwood, carrying top weight—9st.—a victory which was foreshadowed by his second to Asterus in the Royal Hunt Cup. In addition to Priory Park Mr. J. B. Joel has entered the moderate Philammon.

FOHANAUN ENTERED.

Mr. S. Joel has a penchant for winning the Lincolnshire Handicap, which he won with Soranus in 1921 and Long Set in 1912, and those who follow the fortunes of this owner will be interested to know that Fohanaun is among the entries for the race to be decided next March. This, however, is not the only nomination of Mr. Sol Joel, for he has also Dark Warrior, Trelawny, and Beauharnais. Of the quartette, undoubtedly the most interesting is Fohanaun, who was well backed for the Cambridgeshire, and finished fifth, close behind Orbindos. Earlier at Derby, when he won the Peveril of the Peak Handicap—one mile—he had Orbindos—giving 5lb. — his runner-up. It will be interesting to see how Fohanaun and Orbindos are handicapped.

An interesting entry is Adieu, who wound up last season by running second to Old Bill in the Manchester November Handicap. This horse had previously been running in long distance races, and maybe the trainer has come to the conclusion that a mile is his best distance. Though Stranathro proved a disappointing horse last year, a point in his favour is that he ran second to The Mohawk in the West Derby Stakes at Liverpool during the first week of last season.

Another animal who has for some time been talked about as a likely runner for the Lincolnshire Handicap is Vanoc, the sole entry of Eleanor Lady Torrington. This big colt won two races last season, but, perhaps, his best race was when third to Sundry and Knight of the Grail in the Trial Stakes—7 furlongs 166 yards—at Ascot.

THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

Quite a number of horses who have recently changed hands appear among the thirty entries for the Liverpool Spring Cup. For instance, Mandelieu, a cast-off of Lord Derby's, has been entered by Mr. E. G. De Mestre, who bought him for 600 guineas at the Newmarket Sales. Roidore, who has always carried Sir Ernest Tate's colours, has been nominated by Sir Malcolm McAlpine; and Lord Glanely's cast-off, Grandflight, has been entered by Mr. J. T. Downing, who got him for 800 guineas at the Newmarket Sales. Another of Lord Glanely's cast-offs, Tenacity, has been entered by Lord Queenborough, who bought him at the Newmarket Sales for 310 guineas.

OLD ORKNEY.

Mr. John J. Murphy has entered Old Orkney, and after the ready manner in which this horse won the Manchester November Handicap he is assured of a high position in the weights. The success referred to was the fourth in succession gained by the Irish horse, and included the Irish Cesarewitch. This was undoubtedly a good three-year-old, who may pay for following during the coming season.

Tom Walls will, doubtless, make every endeavour to get Autocrat fit and well for the race, and so attempt to follow up his victory in the Liverpool Autumn Cup last November. Autocrat ran in the Lincolnshire Handicap last year, but, despite a sprightly beginning, made a poor show. The later running at Liverpool, however, revealed him in the light of a greatly-improved horse. Mr. H. E. Steel, the owner of Autocrat, has also entered John Dixon, a horse about whom little is known.

A good class four-year-old among the entries is Valois, and it is interesting to note that though the bidding went up to 4,200 guineas when the horse was offered for sale at Newmarket, he did not reach the reserve placed upon him. Valois had a good record last year, winning three races, which included the Esher Cup at Sandown Park in April. Sir George Bullough, the owner of Valois, has also entered Mousme, a filly, whose only success last season was gained early in April, when she won the Spring Stakes at Newmarket.

Several of the entries are also in the Lincolnshire Handicap, including Vanoc, Lone Knight, Adieu and Invermark, all of whom have claims to consideration for the race selected. The Aga Khan has entered Hossan, a disappointing horse last season, though his solitary victory was gained on the Liverpool course, when he won the Knowsley Dinner Stakes in July from moderate opposition.

Stanley Wootton has entered two—Frank Bare and Etoile d'Argent—the former of whom won four races last season, including one on the course in November, when he won a race confined to apprentices.

As The Mohawk won at the Liverpool Spring Meeting last season, and wound up the season by running second to Autocrat in the Liverpool Autumn Cup, he seems one who will become a popular choice of backers. Some horses show their best form in the beginning and end of the season, and The Mohawk appears be one in this category.

THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.

A good entry of 44 has been received for the Queen's Prize, which will be run at Kempton Park on Monday, April 9th. Among the nominations is Ballynahinch, who finished first in the corresponding race last year, but was disqualified for crossing and the race awarded to Tournesol. The latter is not among the entries, but Realm Park, who was moved up to second place, can run again, and this one will be fit from hurdle racing.

THE MANTON ENTRY.

Lord Derby will probably have a dangerous candidate in the selected of Caissot, Cap-a-Pie and Highbrow, the last-named of whom is at present being trained over hurdles. The Manton stable have a formidable entry in Lightning Artist, Blackness and Grassmoor with which to make the attempt to follow up Tournesol's victory last year. Though Lightning Artist proved a failure in the Cesarewitch, the two miles at Kempton Park should be an ideal course for him.

It should also be noted that Old Orkney figures among the entries here, as well as for the Liverpool Cup, and as to his stamina that was proved when he won the Irish Cesarewitch. Dakota, who had smart form in long-distance races early last season, also comes into the argument, and the Cesarewitch winner, Eagle's Pride, is another entrant of note.

ASCOT GOLD CUP.

Of the 54 nominations for the Ascot Gold Cup over twenty are French horses, so we can rely on opposition from abroad again this year for this coveted prize. It is to be hoped that Gilpin will be able to get that good horse Finglas at his best for this race, as M. E. de St. Alary's horse is undoubtedly one of the best stayers we have. He won twice at Ascot last year—the Churchill Stakes (2 miles) and the Alexandra Stakes (2 miles, 6 furlongs, 85 yards). Apparently Dark Japan is to be given another season's racing; for he appears among the entries here, and this would appear a more suitable race for Lord Derby's Caissot, providing Frank Butters can get the chestnut back to his best form.

HOT NIGHT.

Sir Victor Sassoon has entered Hot Night, which rather suggests that the connections of this horse do not share the general opinion that he does not stay. A likely horse to make a good stayer next season is Tattoo, who has been nominated by Mr. Anthony de Rothschild, whilst Mr. James de Rothschild has entered Caporal, probably with the hope that the outside success he scored with Bomba in 1909 will be repeated.

Epsom's new race, the Nonsuch Stakes, run on Monday at the Spring Meeting, has closed with a satisfactory entry of 42, whilst the Coronation Cup, run at the Epsom Summer Meeting, has done well with 34 entries.

Entries for the Grand National Steeplechase and other important races close on Tuesday, January 3rd.

ENTRIES.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

RUN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28. DIST.—1 m.
(45 entries.)

	Age.		Age.
Invermark	a	Happy Ben	4
Dunin	a	Dark Warrior	4
Well-wisher	a	Trelawny	4
Sundown II.	a	Beauharnais	4
Berkeley Bridge	6	Voice Box	4
Bonnie Chance III.	6	Jugo	4
Gifted	6	Ken Hill	4
Rob	6	Stranathro	4
Priory Park	6	Lavengro	4
Jenico	6	Chichester Cross	4
Rhyolite	6	Caustic	4
Rum and Coffee	6	Fancy Free	4
John's Son	5	Royal Ambassador	4
War Mist	5	Adieu	4
Orbindos	5	Vanoc	4
Illustration	5	Lone Knight	4
Fohanaun	5	The Mohawk	4
Priory (late Mirabol)	5	Philammon	4
Battleshaft	5	Lyra	4
Charmant	5	Cratnick	4
Tenacity	5	Orbita	4
Mascot	5	Martonia	4
Romany	4		

LIVERPOOL SPRING CUP.

RUN MARCH 29. DISTANCE—1m. 2f. 170yds.
(30 entries.)

	Age.		Age.
Polish Patriot	a	The Cheetah	4
Mandelieu	a	Desiree	4
Invermark	a	Adieu	4
Harpist	a	Lavengro	4
Frank Bare	a	Valois	4
First Magic	a	Mousme	4
Roidore	6	The Mohawk	4
Ceteb	5	Vanoc	4
Pantera	5	Lone Knight	4
Peace Maker	5	St. Mary Abbots	4
Hercules	5	Hossan	4
Grandflight	5	John Dixon	4
Playboy	5	Etoile d'Argent	4
Tenacity	5	Promptitude	4
Autocrat	5	Old Orkney	4

MANCHESTER CUP.

RUN JUNE 1. DISTANCE—1¼ m.
(40 entries.)

	Age.		Age.
Mr. Bliss	a	Dakota	5
Sir Joshua	a	Talup	5
Pons Asinorum	6	Silver Lark	4
Invershin	6	Knight of the Grail	4
The Sirdar	6	Cinq a Sept	4
Touch and Go	6	Heir Apparent	4
Peace Maker	6	Sledmere	4
Pantera	5	Lordland	4
Ceteb	5	Adieu	4
Innuendo	5	Samphire II.	4
Zeno	5	Buckfast	4
Lulworth Cove	5	Tattoo	4
Apelle	5	Kincardine	4
Still Life	5	Eagle Rock	4
Lightning Artist	5	Baralong	4
Grassmoor	5	The Mohawk	4
Review Order	5	Lone Knight	4
Banstar	5	Hossan	4
Dark Japan	5	John Dixon	4
Autocrat	5	Caporal	4

ASCOT GOLD CUP.

RUN JUNE 21. DISTANCE—2½ m.
(54 entries.)

	Age.		Age.
Invershin	6	Cinq a Sept	4
The Wolf	6	Take Off	4
Review Order	5	Yviers	4
Calesot	5	Loubier	4
Spus	5	Linatora	4
Noslamas	5	Mon Talisman	4
Dark Japan	5	Florin II.	4
Nino II.	5	Lone Knight	4
Finglas	5	Silverstead	4
Lightning Artist	5	Tattoo	4
Madrigal III.	5	Basilique	4
Bois Josselyn	5	Buandirle	4
Juveilin	5	Caporal	4
La Grande Sarah	5	Lordland	4
Book Law	4	Hot Night	4
Legislator	4	Heir Apparent	4
Le Tonkin	4	Bonda el Malon	4
Start II.	4	Kincardine	4
Maidstone	4	Quincampoix	4
Bolingbroke	4	Caledon	4
Buckfast	4	Roman Market	3
Baralong	4	Le Gratteur	3
Accalmie	4	Oranger	3
Romney	4	Camelford	3
Sou du Franc	4	Meurad	3

The following have sealed nominations:—Mr. F. J. Benson, Mr. Richard McCreery, and Mr. S. Wootton.

YORKSHIRE CUP, YORK.

(44 entries.)

	Age		Age.
Green Fire	6	St. Reynard	5
Ampulla	6	Arrah Chief	4
Seed	6	Royal Pom	4
Incitatus II.	6	Ballyvoy	4
Invershin	6	Cinq a Sept	4
Templestowe	6	Taka San	4
Ballynahinch	5	Elcho	4
Caramond	5	Cap-a-Pie	4
Touch and Go	5	Joyous Greeting	4
Finglas	5	Feng	4
Adel	5	Brigliadoro	4
Caissot	5	The Brown Talisman	4
Alacrity	5	Legislator	4
Red Marten	5	Buckfast	4
Plymouth Hoe	5	Gioconda	4
St. Mary's Kirk	5	Blackness	4
Diadochos	5	Egremont	4
Lightning Artist	5	Seagain	4
Morocco Bound	5	Ettrick	4
Simonian	5	The Blade	4
Border Minstrel	5	The Mohawk	4
Kakushin	5	Alan	4
Dakota	5		

CORONATION CUP, EPSOM.

RUN JUNE 7. DISTANCE—1½ m.
(34 entries.)

	Age.		Age.
The Sirdar	6	Romney	4
Pons Asinorum	6	The Mohawk	4
Invershin	6	Lone Knight	4
Banstar	5	Prester John	4
Dark Japan	5	Silverstead	4
Apelle	5	Flamant	4
Finglas	5	Lordland	4
Foliation	5	Hot Night	4
Belle of Zante	4	Vanoc	4
Book Law	4	Kincardine	4
Legislator	4	Hectare	4
Start II.	4	Caledon	4
Knight of the Grail	4	Guards' Parade	3
Maidstone	4	Kentish Plover	3
Buckfast	4	Pharamond	3
Baralong	4	Camelford	3
Sickle	4	San Marino	3

GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP, YORK.

RUN MAY 23. DISTANCE—1½ m.
(36 entries.)

	Age.		Age.
Highbrow	a	Young Middleton	4
Mr. Bliss	a	Romany	4
Bonne Chance III.	6	Heir Apparent	4
Pons Asinorum	6	Bonny Boy II.	4
Longquill	6	Sledmere	4
Kinloch	6	Lordland	4
Bessborough	6	Samphire II.	4
Caramond	5	Adieu	4
Pentland	5	Buckfast	4
Innuendo	5	Tattoo	4
Lulworth Cove	5	Baralong	4
Grassmoor	5	Nightfall	4
Still Life	5	Pruth	4
Review Order	5	Romney	4
Banstar	5	Hossan	4
Adage	5	Start II.	4
Oriental Knight	4	Skidaw	4
Knight of the Grail	4	Woomerah	4

QUEEN'S PRIZE, KEMPTON PARK

RUN APRIL 9. DISTANCE—1¾ m.
(44 entries.)

	Age.		Age.
Green Fire	a	Phosphore	5
Mandelieu	a	Dakota	5
Highbrow	a	Alo	4
Kinnaird	a	Ballyvoy	4
Incitatus II.	6	Arctic Star	4
Repertoire	6	Heir Apparent	4
Realm Park	6	Elcho	4
Ballynahinch	5	Gallopade	4
Eagle's Pride	5	Samphire II.	4
Poet	5	Brigliadoro	4
Touch and Go	5	Pattar	4
Red Marten	5	Joyous Greeting	4
Zeno	5	Feng	4
Caissot	5	Cap-a-Pie	4
St. Mary's Kirk	5	Legislator	4
Friar Wile	5	The Brown Talisman	4
Hercules	5	Blackness	4
Grassmoor	5	Seagain	4
Lightning Artist	5	Fridoline	4
Morocco Bound	5	Hossan	4
Border Minstrel	5	Big Val	4
Spectroscope	5	Old Orkney	4

COURSING.

HOLIDAY MEETINGS.

CLONLEIGH.

The draw for the Clonleigh (Strabane) Meeting on St. Stephen's Day was held yesterday.

CLONLEIGH STAKES—For 11 puppies. Winner, £15; second, £7; third, £2 10/-.

Mr. Donaghey's Watch Key agst. Mr. Robinson's Centre Punch.
Mr. McCloskey's Mespot agst. Mr. Blair's Swilly Valley.
Mr. McNulty's The Baker agst. Mr. Kelly's Lough Hearty.
Mr. Nash's Bashful Bings agst. Mr. Stevenson's Steam Thresher.
Mr. Barry's Belmont Breeze agst. Mr. McCloskey's Jump Steady.
Mr. McClintock's Red Biddy a bye.

STRABANE STAKES AND VINTERS' CUP—For six all ages. Winner, £12; second, £4 10/-.

Mr. Patterson's Peter Head agst. Mr. Nash's Major Dick.
Mr. J. O'Kane's Finn Alley agst. Mr. Dowd's Gallowglass.
Mr. McAlinden's Denny Derry agst. Mr. Barry's Goat.

FOYLE STAKES AND GAY CUP—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £17; second, £7; two dogs, £2 each.

Mr. Stevenson's Steam Barge agst. Mr. Crumley's More Scrap.
Miss McGeady's St. Rock agst. Mr. Quinton's Mahall.
Mr. Riley's Jungle Lad agst. Mr. McAlinden's Moonshine.
Mr. Maguire's Jack Ha Ha agst. Mr. Clement's Flag of the Tree.
Mr. O'Donnell's Black Dream agst. Mr. Lynn's House Trap.
Mr. Kerr's First Fancy agst. Mr. Devine's Golden Rocket.
Mr. Gerrell's Rhineamon agst. Mr. French's First Love.
Mr. McKean's Cheerful Courage agst. Mr. McAleese's Ferdree Lass.

At the option of owners of greyhounds beaten in the first round of the puppy and duffer stakes, a consolation stake will be drawn for and run off after the finals.

ENNISKILLEN.

Judge—Mr. M. Joyce. Slipper—F. Lunny.

The draw for the St. Stephen's Day meeting at Enniskillen is:—

KILLYREAGH STAKES—For 10 puppies. Winner, £12; second, £6; third, £2.

Mr. Crawford's Drumhervin Pride agst. Mr. MacMenamin's Gliding Orb.
Mr. Collins's Old Tyrone agst. Mrs. Carson's French Fate.
Mr. Devers' Drumhaw agst. Mr. Vaughan's Jovial Vick.
Mr. Devers' Don't Touch agst. Mr. Connor's Ballinagurrain Lass.
Mr. McCann's Lizzie Griffin agst. Mr. Cooke's Clogher Valley.

CASTLECOOLE STAKES—For 10 all-ages. Winner, £12; second, £6; third, £2.

Mr. Maguire's Babe Ruth agst. Mr. Keogh's The Waggon.
Mr. Knight's King Dan agst. Mr. Devers' Down Mail.
Mr. Fitzpatrick's Breagho Boy agst. Mr. Williams's Charming Style.
Mr. Williams's Connie agst. Mr. Scallon's Cantra.
Mr. Robinson's Miss Rob agst. Mr. Armstrong's Drumbrughas Lass.

LISGOOLE STAKES—For 14 all-ages. Winner, £12; second, £6; two dogs, £1 10s. each.

Dr. Conlon's Tapin agst Mrs. Carson's Carpie.
Mr. McGoldrick's Maide Briate agst. Mr. Garrett's Sweet Gift.
Mr. Johnston's Simple Shamrock agst. Mr. Sweeney's Fairview Lass.
Mr. Moore's Kinmore agst. Mr. O'Brien's Glenane Lady.
Mr. Devers' Beaded Doris agst. Mr. Dick's Doubtful Belle.
Mr. Scallon's Glenhole agst. Mr. Knight's Killyhevlin's Gift.
Mr. Gilmour's Jennie's Glory agst. Mr. Armstrong's Mollie's Gift.

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SPORTING GOSSIP

Conyngham Club Committee.

The Conyngham Club Committee will hold their next meeting at the offices, 8 South Anne street, Dublin, on Wednesday, January 4th next, at 10.30 o'clock, the same day as the Baldoyle Races.

English Trainer Married.

The wedding took place in London on Wednesday of Mr. Hugh Powney, the well-known trainer, of Waterwitch House, Newmarket, and Miss Constance Manning, daughter of Mr. J. W. Manning, of 64 Redcliffe Gardens, Kensington. Among the owners for whom Mr. Powney trains are Mr. A. Lowry, Mr. W. Vincent, and Sir Henry Lawson.

A Cambridge Win.

The Cambridge University ice hockey team, which is playing a series of matches at Kandersteg, previous to the inter-University match on January 7, yesterday defeated a Swiss combined team by five goals to one.

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, *Thursday.*

A fine morning.

BRABAZON'S Dunbarry Star travelled two miles over fences.

COOMBS'S Carlovia and Antaeus were schooled over hurdles.

DAWSON'S Lady Silvern, White Sleeves, Perina, Lare, Lisworney, and others of the team were exercising on the roads.

DOYLE'S Shannon Scheme and Denis Orb covered a mile and a quarter on the flat.

FETHERSTONHAUGH'S Goose Green traversed a like distance over hurdles.

GRUNDY'S Steering Clear, Don Pat, and others cantered.

HARTIGAN'S Sun Arch, Dohora, Wild Rake, Curragh Tip, Wondrous, and the remainder of the team walked and trotted on the roads.

PERRY'S Blue Look Out and Mistress Puri galloped two miles on the flat.

PARKINSON'S Bawn-na-Glas, Green Shutter, Bally Bee, and Administrator had useful bouts of healthy exercise.

RANKIN'S, ROGERS'S, and STAUNTON'S teams were walking and trotting on the roads.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

All engagements—Fidus Achates, Formic, Jacob, Mandioca, Thirlmere, Herbalist and Far and Fast. Wolverhampton engagement—Bucene.

All engagements in Lord Glanely's name—Bright Sign.

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1927,

MONDAY and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th and 27th.

FIRST RACE EACH DAY, 1.15 p.m.

A train, with reserved carriages for Members, leaves Harcourt Street Station at 12.25 p.m., returning from Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. Members will only be admitted to reserved carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure (Gent. 25/-, Lady 8/6) can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course, and at the ticket box at the top of the Motor Enclosure, where tickets for the Grand Stand can also be purchased.

Combined tickets for Course and Grand Stand (Gent. 12/-, Lady 7/-) and for Course and Public Stand 4/-, can be purchased at Foxrock Station and Stillorgan Entrances on day of Races.—(Advt.)

THE TIPPERARY HUNT WILL HOLD THEIR

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and not on 17th MARCH, as advertised.—(Advt.)

GOLF.

ENGLISH TOURISTS LOSE TWO MATCHES.

In their match against the Maccauvlei representatives at Vereeniging, yesterday, the English tourists lost both matches in the earlier part of the day. T. G. McClelland, who won the South African Amateur Championship of two years ago, and J. Jewell beat Cyril Tolley and Major Charles Hezlet by 1 up; and R. G. C. Sawyer and G. Neville beat R. H. de Montmorency and Captain A. G. Pearson by a similar margin.

Tolley and Hezlet beat Sawyer and Neville by 2 and 1, and Montmorency and Pearson beat McLelland and Jewell, 1 up.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

GRANGE—St. Stephen's Day—Morning—Strokes. Afternoon—Fourball. December medals—Class I.—H. V. Baker (4½), 35½. Class II.—J. G. Hanna (11), 35; Mr. J. Stone (10), 35.

PORTMARNOCK—St. Stephen's Day competition, 18 holes, strokes. Tuesday, 27th—Fourball sweepstakes; best ball against bogey. Christmas Day the club 'bus will will meet the 10.25 train from Amiens street at Sutton Station, returning 2.30 o'clock. St. Stephen's Day and December 27th trains as usual. On Christmas Day the bar and kitchen will close at 2.30.

ROYAL DUBLIN—December 26th—Stroke competition. December 27th—Fourball v bogey. Arrange partners and opponents.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY G.S.—The captain's prize and society putter will be played for at Foxrock (by kind permission) on Thursday, December 29th. Choose partners. All Trinity graduates are eligible for membership of the Society.

KILLINEY—Bank Holidays—Sweepstakes.

SKERRIES—St. Stephen's Day—Sweepstakes. Tuesday, 27th—Stroke competition in connection with St. George's Hospital.

DELGANY—The clubhouse will be closed on Christmas Day. St. Stephen's Day—Men's fourball sweepstakes, bogey.

GREYSTONES—December 26, four-ball foursome, bogey, open to members, temporary members, and visitors, under Rule 23.

NONSUCH STAKES.

Epsom Spring Meeting—42 entries. For 3-year-olds. Reminder, Philharmonic, Guards' Parade, Guinevere, Narcissus, Perth, Abadan, Tetrill, Cornwallis, Antiphon, Pharamond, Sunny Trace, Gang Warily, Taipa, Wings of Love, Broadwalk, Troubadour, Alcinous, Economy, Voltero (late Bar One, late Maryborough), Friendship, Swinemunde, International, Ranjit Singh, Parwiz, Black Watch, The Wheedler, Guadiana, Catharis, Camelford, Seducer, Ludovic, Frisson, Phantasy, Blackston c., Caballero, Caryl, Arran Beg, Molly the Marchioness, Mail Fist, Scintillation, Exeter.





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HUNTING.

"SOME GOOD RUNS."

Mr. Richard Burke writes:—Now that I have finished my first series of hunting memories, I would be obliged if you would allow me correct one small error in the printing. In the description of the Garranacole run of January, 1912, I am made to say: "After about half an hour of good riding," what I wrote was "road riding." It is only one word, but it changes materially the context of my story. And I would like to be fairly accurate, as so many have written me that they have filed my letters or put them in scrap books.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 24	Kilrue	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Saturday, 24	Betaghstown Cross Roads	11.0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Kilmoon	11.0

THE WARD UNION HOUNDS.—January—Wednesday, 4th, Dunshaughlin; Saturday, 7th, Rathgate; Wednesday, 11th, The Hatchet; Saturday, 14th, Donaghmore Cross Roads; Tuesday, 17th, Hunt Ball at Luttrellstown; Wednesday, 18th, Dunboyne; Saturday, 21st, Kilrue; Wednesday, 25th, Flathouse; Saturday, 28th, 9th Milestone. February—Wednesday, 1st, 10-Mile Bush; Saturday, 4th, Rathgate; Wednesday, 8th, The Hatchet; Saturday, 11th, 8th Milestone; Wednesday, 15th, Black Bull; Saturday, 18th, Palmerstown; Wednesday, 22nd, Batterstown; Saturday, 25th, Kilrue. At 1.30.

BRAY HARRIERS.—Meet at 1 o'clock on St. Stephen's Day at Calary.

COUNTY GALWAY HOUNDS—Saturday, December 24th—Tillyra Castle, at 11.30 (By-day).

KILKENNY HOUNDS—Change of Meet—These hounds will meet at Castlemorres on Saturday, December 31st instead of Mount Juliet.

HUNTING.—For reports from the various packs and List of Appointments, read the *Irish Field.* Published every Saturday, price 2d. On sale at all Newsagents'.—(Advt.)

HOCKEY.

BUCCANEERS ON TOUR.

A STRONG XI. GOES NORTH.

A strong Buccaneers' XI. leaves Amiens street Station this morning for what should prove a pleasant tour in Ulster. Two matches will be played, both at Newtownards, against a County Down team this afternoon and a County Antrim team to-morrow.

The tourists include three Irish internationals—J. F. Mahony, J. M. Eyre, and W. P. MacDonogh—three Army players in T. H. Ely, J. Cairns, and F. M. Eagar; while most of the team have played for their provinces. The following will travel:—

Goal—W. G. McCormick (Three Rock Rovers).

Full-backs—J. F. Mahony (Three Rock Rovers) and C. Somerville Large (Three Rock Rovers).

Half-backs—R. Brown (Three Rock Rovers), Captain T. H. Ely (the Army), and J. MacDonald (North Down).

Forwards—J. M. Eyre (Three Rock Rovers), J. Cairns (the Army), Captain F. M. Eagar (the Army), W. P. MacDonogh (Cliftonville), and N. Medcalf (Three Rock Rovers).

LAWN TENNIS.

DAVIS CUP PLANS.

The Lawn Tennis Association announced yesterday that at a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Davis Cup in Paris, Mons. Pierre Gillon presiding, arrangements were made as follow:—

European Zone—First round to be concluded by 8th May; second round by 20th May; third round by 15th June; semi-finals by 24th June, and final by 15th July.

In the event of there being sixteen challengers, or fewer, the first round will be completed by 20th May, the date of the second round will be that fixed for the third round, the semi-final and the final rounds being played on the dates fixed.

The match between the winners of the European Zone and the American Zone will be on 20th, 21st and 22nd July, and the challenge round will be on 27th, 28th and 29th July.

BILLIARDS.

SMITH v. REECE.

Smith dominated the play in yesterday afternoon's session of the 20,000 match at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in which he conceded Reece 8,000 points. After taking his 102 unfinished to 201 (full), he added 229, 497, and then reached his points with 60 unfinished. Reece only had one three figure break, this being a 105. Smith averaged 79, against Reece's 27. Interval scores:—Reece (rec. 8,000), 11,341; Smith (in play), 5,660.

At night Smith again had much the better of affairs, and he averaged 72 against Reece's 29. The best breaks of the receiver of points were 218 and 68, and Smith took his unfinished break to 121 (full), and added 73, 61, 71, 57, 110, 120, and 349 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Reece (receives 8,000), 11,757; Smith (in play), 6,667.

GOOD, LONDON CHAMPION.

A. W. T. Good is London champion by virtue of his win last night in the final of the London Sectional Qualifying Competition at Thurston's in connection with the British Amateur Championship. He beat T. Pamenter by 715 points in 2,000. Both finalists go into the premier championship. At last night's session Good had breaks of 37 (full), 94, 81, and 176; Pamenter's best runs were 49, 57, and 54. Result:—

A. Good	2,000
T. Pamenter	1,285

SQUASH RACKETS.

LIEUTENANT SANDERSON RETAINS HIS TITLE.

Lieutenant J. C. McC. D. Sanderson successfully defended his title as Royal Navy and Royal Marines champion at the Royal Automobile Club, London, yesterday, when he defeated Surgeon-Lieutenant-Commander K. A. I. Mackenzie in the final, by three games to one—9-3, 9-1, 9-10, 9-6.

The champion was superior in shot playing and tactics, and he kept Mackenzie on the run all through.



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WARATAHS AGAIN HARD PRESSED.

FINAL RALLY TURNS GAME AGAINST MIDLAND XV.

Making a great rally in the closing stages at Coventry yesterday afternoon the Waratahs snatched a narrow victory by a goal and a try to a goal over the Warwickshire and North Midland team. Gaining a lead of two points in the first half, the combined fifteen held that advantage until just before the finish, but it must be said that the Waratahs were handicapped throughout the second period by the absence of J. Ford.

Not until the morning was the decision to play the match made. Fortunately, the thaw had been complete, though the ground was left in a very muddy condition. Wet weather added to the difficulties of the teams, and the game was largely fought out by the respective forwards. The backs on both sides, indeed, had few opportunities to display their skill, the wet and muddy ball being extremely difficult to handle with any certainty.

Some ten thousand people saw the home team begin the match in fine style, and for a considerable period in the early stages the Waratahs were called upon to defend against fierce attacks. After half an hour, however, the Waratahs took the lead through Wallace, whose try Lawton failed to convert. Warwickshire soon replied with a try, Coulson going over in a forward rush, and as Rigby kicked a goal the combined fifteen secured an advantage of two points.

A terrific struggle between the forwards took place after change of ends. The tourists, though without J. Ford, managed to hold their own, and when Towers made a good effort, a score seemed certain, but a forward pass spoiled the movement. Then the Midlanders pressed the Waratahs back to their line, where a fierce fight went on for some minutes before the visitors gained relief. Rigby, who played a great game at full-back for the home side, twice pulled up Wallace after the Waratahs' captain had made magnificent runs, but in the end Gordon went over with a try for New South Wales, and, Lawton converting, the lead was regained and the match won. Result:—

New South Wales—1 goal 1 try (8 pts.)
Warwickshire and North Midlands—1 goal (5 pts.).

HARLEQUINS V. STADE FRANCAIS MATCH CANCELLED.

The Harlequins Club announce that their match with Stade Francais, arranged to be played at Teddington on Saturday next, has been scratched by the French club. A cable to that effect was received yesterday, the difficulty in raising a team being the cause of the cancellation.

BARBARIANS' XV. V. LEICESTER.

The Barbarians have selected a very strong XV. for the annual match with Leicester, at Leicester on Tuesday next. The team will be as follows:—K. A. Sellar (United Services); C. V. Palmer (Richmond), C. D. Aarvold (Cambridge University), O. R. Fulljames (Rosslyn Park), and T. C. Barber (Seghill); H. C. C. Laird (Harlequins) and W. H. Sobey (Cambridge University); H. G. Periton (Waterloo), R. T. Foulds (Waterloo), K. J. Stark (Old Alleynians), A. D. Allen (Cambridge University), C. K. T. Faithful (Harlequins), A. N. Goold (Oxford University), G. B. Coghlam (Cambridge University), and C. Hopwood (Richmond).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—For Notes on Current Events and Reports of Matches see *The Irish Field.* Published every Saturday. Price 2d.—(Advt.)

FOOTBALL CLUBS AND GREYHOUND RACING.

The Bristol City and Bristol Rovers Football Clubs have arrived at a simultaneous decision with regard to greyhound racing on their grounds.

The Rovers have given a local syndicate two months' option on their ground, but although a handsome sum has been offered to allow greyhound racing at Ashton Gate, the directors of the City club officially announce that they have rejected the offer.

Eyes and Ears of the Future.

WHAT SCIENCE MAY GIVE US.

DEVELOPMENT OF TELEVISION.

By Dr. E. E. FOURNIER D'ALBE, D.Sc.

Those who indulge in predictions usually take the precaution of dealing with a future so remote that none of their listeners is likely to see their predictions either verified or confounded. There is a distinct fascination in every attempt to seek out a trail barely visible and follow it into the unknown. Which of us does not try at times to pierce the veil which hides the future and to catch a glimpse of that which "eye hath not seen nor ear heard"?

The eye alone can help us to disentangle the great mechanism which connects us with the rest of the universe. It shows us the sun apparently rolling its radiant bulk across the sky and giving us the priceless blessing of daylight. And when the messages conveyed to our brain by sight are sifted and analysed by the inquiring mind the truth of the earth's rotation begins to dawn upon us just as it dawned upon the Greek philosophers long before Galileo.

PROGRESS OF SCIENCE.

We must acknowledge, however, that science has far outstripped the natural faculties of the eye in other respects. The accuracy with which astronomers can predict eclipses has probably done more than any other scientific achievement to inculcate a general respect for scientific methods. Astronomy is hardly an experimental science. Its triumphs have been achieved by patient observation rather than experiment. There are cases, however, when experiment in the laboratory has worked hand in hand with astronomical observation, as when Lockyer's discovery of a new chemical element in the sun which he called "Helium" was confirmed by the actual production of Helium from pitchblende in the laboratory of Sir William Ramsay. That was a triumph of spectroscopy, that powerful science which is based on the study of rainbow colours.

The colours we can now study are not only the visible colours of the rainbow, but those hidden colours which extend from the violet end of the spectrum into the ultra-violet and beyond that region into the region of X-rays and finally gamma-rays whose wave-length is 100,000 times less than the wave-length of visible light Nor does this extension of our colour sense end there. Beyond the red rays also there are rays which we cannot see, but which can be discovered by photography. In that region lie the heat rays which Mr. H. G. Wells proposed to use in his death-ray apparatus, and as these rays get longer and longer they finally merge into the electro-magnetic waves used in radio-telegraphy. Thus to-day we are faced with a vast extension of our visual faculties.

A HUNDRED MILLION POINTS.

The eye in its simplest form is but an infolding of the skin, a sort of hollow lined with specially sensitive nerves responding to light. Sight is, therefore, only a specialisation of the sense of touch. From its earliest rudimentary beginnings the eye has evolved until it stands as the most marvellous of optical instruments. It is an optical instrument of extraordinary power. It has an angle of nearly 180 degrees, whereas an ordinary optical instrument barely exceeds 30 or 40; it is remarkably free from the difficulties known as spherical and chromatic aberration.

A most remarkable thing about the eye—the property which "tele-visionaries" have struggled in vain to equal or surpass—is the extraordinary amount of detail which it yields us. The eye can perceive a hundred million separate points at once. The retina has 100 separate nerve-endings, each capable of seeing a luminous point independently of all the rest. That the loss of sight can be completely compensated for the purpose of reading does not detract from its great complexity; for the type-reading optophone only deals with six spots at a time, assigning to each spot a different note, so that ordinary black printed type produces a play of notes, a sort of tune or *motif* characteristic of each letter of the alphabet.

A practised blind reader when using the optophone does not read by spelling out individual letters, but reads words as a whole by their "tunes." In the case of the optophone the eye is replaced by the ear. The link between the two senses is electricity in the shape of surges of electric current produced by light in that most remarkable of chemical elements discovered a hundred years ago by the Swedish chemist, Berzelius, and called by him "selenium" or the "moon-element." Selenium is the premier substance of photo-electric science, as it gives about a hundred times more current than any other light-sensitive material.

What, then, can we reasonably expect when the eye of the future has matured its new powers? We have almost reached the limit in telescopes and microscopes and cameras. The 100" mirror of the Mount Wilson Observatory is giving magnificent results, but is enormously expensive to maintain. Larger glass discs will hardly be obtainable, and lenses are limited to half that diameter by what appear to be insurmountable difficulties in casting optical glass sufficiently free from flaws. Personally, I am convinced that the most promising avenue towards new achievement lies in the utilisation of the photo-electric link.

SEEING ROUND A CORNER.

Our vision is still very limited. We cannot see through fog; we cannot see round a corner, nor the other side of the moon, nor the faces of friends beyond the range of the telescope. We cannot see clearly at night though the sky be studded with stars; the depths of the sea are closed to our vision. Most of these defects can be remedied. I cannot promise you a sight of that face of the moon which is for ever turned away from us, but for the rest you may be assured that all these problems will be solved before long.

Television will show us the ocean depths and our distant friends, and selenium will eventually furnish us with the means of working up the feeble contrasts presented by starlight into a daylight picture, so that we shall have at our disposal an instrument which shows us the nocturnal landscape as it appears in the daylight. All these things are coming soon, and fortunate are those who live long enough to behold them. And I, for one, have no doubt that the level of human happiness will be thus materially raised. I cannot agree with pessimists that our scientific advancement has no bearing upon the happiness of mankind. Is it not better to have electric light rather than tallow dips; are not our children the better for pure milk and proper ventilation?

Science and industry have been showering their gifts upon mankind for a century, and yet there are ungrateful people who maintain that all this progress has been barren and that people were really happier in the "good old days" before the iron age had arrived

THE EAR.

I have here a new instrument which I call "the ear of the future," and I hope I may some day be justified in so calling it. It is a new form of what is called an acoustic resonator, and its function is to discover any note having a certain pitch whenever and wherever that note occurs. For the first time in the history of acoustics we have an analysing agent which will instantly and accurately tell us what a sound is made of. All we have to do is to construct a complete set or scale of such resonators extending from, say, 16 to 10,000 vibrations per second, and we have an instrument which will analyse every sound of speech or music and record it for us. It will record all the constituent elements of a language or dialect. It can even indicate what constitutes a person's individual accent.

The optophone, which makes light audible, can be used for relieving the blind of one of their greatest handicaps. This new resonator, on the other hand, makes sound visible and can probably be used to enable totally deaf people to read and understand spoken words, and follow a piece of music. It has already been applied to the recording of speeches of exalted personages on memorable occasions.

We should now be able to obtain an analytical record of speech in as compact a form as, say, print, and, with practice, as readable, and which, moreover, with suitable apparatus, can be converted into sound. Such a step will be nothing less than the discovery of nature's own handwriting. Is it too much to hope that such records will eventually supersede writing and printing altogether—and incidentally to do away with shorthand-writers? Whether this happens or not, it is practically certain that the problem of deafness will be solved completely by transferring the duties and faculties of the ear to the eye.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

Trinity in Belfast : Dublin's Beggars : New Free State Coins : An Ordeal for the President.



LADY IVEAGH.

Lady Iveagh, who won such a notable victory for Unionism in Southend recently, has been giving her views on Parliament. I do not know that any two persons see the crowded life of Westminster in exactly the same way. The stranger who comes within its gates to pay a visit of curiosity or observation is impressed with the stateliness of the outer Courts of Parliament, and invariably disappointed with the commonplace character of the Chamber itself—with its plain green benches, unadorned side galleries and limited space. The fortunate one who, as a Minister, is assimilated into its inner existence, very soon becomes a part of it, breathing its atmosphere, thinking its thoughts, influenced by its moods, and their continuing in himself or herself its long-descended traditions. Lady Iveagh finds the House of Commons an intensely human place—a sort of microcosm of life. "There are moments," she says, "when it is terribly monotous and extraordinarily dull. Then there are times when it is the very acme of human drama. . . . You see there human weaknesses, human prejudices, human virtues displayed; and if it is only for that I am glad I stood at a by-election." Lady Iveagh's maiden speech was a marked success. She bids fair to be a distinguished addition to the growing list of talented and successful lady members of Parliament.

American Interviewing.

President Cosgrave has been interviewed scores of times during the past few years, but he will find the American journalist a much more inquisitive person than those whom he meets on this side of the Atlantic. The "ship reporters," who board every liner arriving in New York Harbour, are particularly "hard boiled" and persistent. They have a series of stock questions which they fire at every visitor before he has got past the Statue of Liberty (which impressed me little more than my first sight of Nelson's Pillar)—"What do you think of New York?" "How do you like the American women?" "What is your solution for our traffic problem?" and "Do you think skyscrapers are safe?"

Once the President has negotiated these hurdles, he will probably be asked his views on "Bill" Thompson, of Chicago, and "Al." Smith's chances of becoming President of the United States. If the President is lucky he may be able to tell the reporters something about Ireland. But if he expects his remarks to be reported *verbatim*—or even tolerably accurately—he will be doomed to disappointment. New York reporters do not write shorthand.

An Irish Film.

An English film-producing company is looking for a good scenario to make an Irish film. I think the best thing they could do would be to appoint an advisory committee of Irish authors and artists before they take the fatal plunge. All the Irish films produced up to the present have been so many examples of golden opportunities missed. One or two of them were very bad, and the best were just mediocre. I speak with feeling, having assisted in the production of some of these films and actually taken part in one (the last-mentioned was the biggest "frost" of the lot, strange though it may appear). Something ought to be done quickly; for I hear the English company has its eye on "Rory O'More," which affords appalling possibilities without sound native guidance—though the Ideal Company's "Handy Andy," part of which I saw in the making at Glendalough, was a pleasant surprise in some ways.

Cattle and Coinage.

A farming friend writes:—In common with many others I was dubious when I learnt that the emblems on the *Saorstát* coinage would be animals; but now I have come round to recognise that the idea is historically appropriate. What is money but concentrated live-stock? Does not "peculation" derive from *pecus*, meaning cattle?—and did not *áirnéis*, the Irish word for property, formerly mean live-stock, too? I am reminded that when a doctor looks out for his "fee," he does not expect an ox to be driven to his door although by origin the word might be taken as meaning that. In early modern Ireland the noted bard, Teig Mór O'Higgins, used to get twenty head of cattle for a court poem, which I believe to have been the regular tariff in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. When a poet of the same clan called upon me with a poem recently I felt embarrassed that my exiguous stock did not allow me to signify my gratitude with a similar gift. Our new money will enable us to pay our poets in poetic coin. Looking through some family papers dating from 1721 I find that in County Donegal at that time a cow with calf was priced at thirteen shillings, a horse at £3 15s., yearlings at 3s. 3d., and a ewe and lamb at 2s.

A Popular Governor-General.

For the Earl of Athlone to be asked to serve another term as Governor-General of the Union of South Africa comes as no surprise to anyone who has been in touch with colonists visiting the home countries from that portion of the Empire this year. They agreed that both the Earl and Countess were popular with all races—indeed, all parties—and when the flag dispute was acute one of them refused to give way to panic, advising those about him to trust the Earl. That the Governor-General is a brother (the only surviving brother, now that the Marquis of Cambridge so recently died) of the Queen presupposes a Royal faculty for identifying himself with national, as well as imperial, aspirations. But he has personal qualities of sympathy and understanding that make him welcome for himself, and in this he is wonderfully supported by the Countess.

The Beggars of Dublin.

I was amused at the experience of District Justice Kenny, who, as he was walking along Grafton street, was accosted by a man who, not recognising the judge as one who had sat in judgment on him in the morning, asked him for sixpence. "I looked at him," said Justice Kenny, "and he looked at me, and, having taken one good look, he walked away, and said no more." Then there is the case of the old man who was arrested at Longford for asking alms, and when searched in the police barracks was found to have secreted five hundred coins of the realm in various parts of his person, in the linings of his coat, his vest, his trousers—in fact, he may be truly said to have lined himself with money. Under the rule of Mussolini the beggar has been banned in Italy. He is still given a mild toleration in Dublin, but he is nothing like the nuisance he was in my younger days. Some hardened offenders have still their selected pitches, and woe betide the interloper who dare encroach on them. The other day an old lady asked me for aid, remarking pitifully: "I have come very low to have to do this." It was very obvious that she had seen better days. It is cases such as this that touch one with grief that there should be so much unrelieved suffering in life.



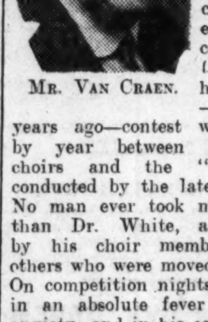
DISTRICT JUSTICE KENNY.

A Belfast Celebration.

The Parliament of Northern Ireland has been prorogued for the Christmas holidays—and a couple of months beyond them. Belfast observes Christmas like any other town nowadays, but it still reserves its greatest enthusiasm for New Year's Eve, though it does not call it Hogmanay. The demonstration that takes place at the Albert Memorial Clock Tower at midnight on the 31st December hardly can be paralleled outside Scotland. Yet there is a certain abandon about the proceedings which savours more of *Mi Carême* than Caledonia stern and wild. It is a celebration well worth seeing.

An Irish Organist.

Among the younger generation of musicians in Dublin the name of Mr. J. B. Van Craen is only a memory, for he moved some years ago to Dundalk, where he now is organist and choirmaster of the Redemptorist Church. He still has many friends in the capital, where he lived for twenty-three years. By a very large number of people, if they will cast their minds back a few years, he will be recalled as having conducted choirs entered for Feis Ceoil competitions. At the time when I first saw him in the Feis Ceoil—perhaps, twenty years ago—contest was very keen year by year between Mr. Van Craen's choirs and the "Amphion" choirs conducted by the late Dr. G. B. White. No man ever took music more seriously than Dr. White, a man much loved by his choir members and scores of others who were moved by his enthusiasm. On competition nights he was wont to be in an absolute fever of excitement and anxiety, and in his eagerness to wring, as it were, the best out of his choir he used to throw his body into the most extraordinary gestures. He got wonderful results in choral fervour, but sometimes he ran to exaggerations of expression, and so had to give way before the more discreet methods of his rival I seem to remember Mr. Van Craen in later times bringing parties from Dundalk to compete in the Feis Ceoil. His name is recalled to mind at the moment by news of the award to him of the decoration of *Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold II.* for his services to music.



MR. VAN CRAEN.

A Northern Minister.



MR. BABINGTON.

I saw Mr. A. B. Babington, the genial and able Attorney-General for Northern Ireland, in Dublin yesterday, and gather from him that things are flourishing in the North. He told me that the Trinity College Association had a most successful reunion in Belfast during the week, when more than a hundred old College men foregathered at the College of Technology. It was a most successful meeting. Colonel W. R. Dawson was in the chair, and the guests included the Provost, who made a happy speech, and the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland. Lord Craigavon is not a Trinity man, but many of his most valuable officials in the Northern Government are graduates of Dublin University. Mr. Babington himself was in college in the late 'nineties, and was called to the Bar in 1900. His progress in the law has been remarkably rapid. As Attorney-General in the Northern Government he has made a good reputation, and is one of the most popular members of Lord Craigavon's Administration. Not only is he a good lawyer, but—what is even rarer—he is a first-class golfer with a handicap, if I am not mistaken, near the scratch mark. Mr. Babington represents South Belfast in the Northern Parliament.

The Dublin Shops.

Is the shop service of Dublin discourteous and unattractive? A friend of mine, up from the Midlands for her Christmas shopping, has been telling me a harrowing tale of her experiences in some of the principal shops in the city. Being of the male persuasion, and my wants being few, I do not visit the shops very often myself. When I do I am easily pleased, and, as they say in the Army, have no complaints to make. But my lady friend was vehement in her condemnations, and, as her experiences may be that of others, I think it well to relate them. She complains that the assistants were curt, and not so much discourteous as uncourteous. They were not "nice," with that deference and desire to please that are the attributes of the well-trained assistants of Oxford street, Bond street and Regent street. (She has lived in London.) They "slammed" the things on the counter as if they grudged waiting on one, and showed a reluctance to produce alternative goods for inspection. Finally, and worst of all, goods ordered "to be delivered" never came to hand, and there were no profuse apologies when this neglect was reported. I should like to know what the shop superintendents think about it, or whether the experience of my friend is that of others.

Street Dangers.

Every generation has, like everything else, its own peculiar street dangers. The motorist nowadays comes in for some hard criticism now and again, but he can take comfort from the fact that thirty years ago the Press was filled with letters dealing with the "new terror to pedestrians"—the bicycle.

I came across some of these epistles the other day when looking over the *Irish Times* for May, 1896, and they are really amusing. One correspondent urged that "those machines should be restricted to roads or paths of their own, as steam engines and tram cars are"; another suggested that the police should not allow anyone to cycle nearer than four yards of the footpath; another advised that all bicycles be required to carry a large registration plate bearing the name, address, etc., etc., of the owner; in fact, every conceivable "remedy" was put forward except that each bicycle should be preceded by a man bearing a red flag. "A Careful Cyclist," writing in the issue of May 26 of that year, retaliated by urging that pedestrians should not be allowed to cross a street, except at recognised crossings.

Irish Enterprise.

One of my Christmas cards received yesterday was entirely unexpected. Some time ago I was at a Belfast hotel for a night or two, and now the directors and management of the hotel send me their greetings, and add that they hope to have the pleasure of my company whenever I am in Belfast. That is a little attention which will be appreciated by many customers of the hotel, and at least it implies an anxiety to please that is likely to be reflected in the service there. A year or so ago I received in a handsome envelope and on elegant paper an invitation from Lady Honywood to spend Christmas at one of her places. Lady Honywood is proprietor of several hotels. The one at which I had signed the register in that year was the "Raven" at Shrewsbury, where modern conveniences are associated with construction and decoration designed to accord with Shrewsbury's old-world aspect to visitors. On the page of the register open for my signature there were entered already two other Dublin names.

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Books of the Week.

HARRIET MARTINEAU.

MISS THEODORA BOSANQUET, in her book on Harriet Martineau, has made an interesting study of a woman who, without a touch of genius, succeeded in making herself one of the most prominent figures in the literary world of her day by sheer intellectual ability.

Harriet Martineau was plain, deaf and unattractive; so unattractive, according to Miss Bosanquet, that her sex was a hindrance to her rather than an advantage when she went up to London as a young woman to make terms with her publishers. The subjects on which she wrote were not popular. The Unitarian religion, the Laws of Political Economy, and the treatment of paupers do not appeal to the man-in-the-street. Yet when she was still in her 'thirties she had acquired by the exposition of these topics a reputation such that men like Brougham and Lord Durham on the one hand, and Carlyle and Coleridge on the other, were glad to talk to her.

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It is not given to many women even in the twentieth century to find their views on practical political questions regarded as important by publicists, poets and politicians. Harriet Martineau, with no influence to help her, achieved this position in a wonderfully short time. Her works are not now much read, and without Miss Bosanquet's aid it would be difficult to imagine how the feat was accomplished. She makes it clear, though rather by ironic suggestion than by deliberate analysis, that the secret lay in Harriet Martineau's lucidity of mind, her gift for the delicate, her certainty that she was right, and her ardent championship of doctrines which were not exactly popular, but, better still, were just becoming popular. She usually was on the winning side, as in the case of Free Trade in Great Britain and Abolitionism in America; but she was always just sufficiently in advance of the thought of her time to make her seem one of its leaders. Indeed, she may actually have been one of its leaders, though it is difficult to believe that one so entirely without charm of expression can have had much persuasive influence over other minds.

As a woman Miss Martineau was good, kind and conscientious, but not apparently much loved. Except for a brief engagement to a Unitarian minister, which ended in unfortunate circumstances (the young man went mad and died) her relations with men seem to have been much on the same footing as her relations with women. In both cases the basis for friendship and affection was intellectual sympathy and interest, reinforced on Miss Martineau's side by an active benevolence towards her friends She organised lectures for Carlyle, recommended Browning's poems to editors, and was always trying to benefit and improve her neighbours. Generally the objects of her kindness were gratified at first, but sooner or later they seem to have found Miss Martineau a bore. Miss Bosanquet has collected a number of contemporary comments, some kind and some cruel, and arranges them with skill to form a picture of Harriet as she appeared to her contemporaries. Like most modern biographers, Miss Bosanquet is not too gentle with her subject. She lays Harriet on the dissecting table and displays her weaknesses, her dislike of her mother (revealing itself in apparently affectionate dreams), her self-importance and her desire to be an object of interest, if only as an incurable invalid. She even treats the subject of Miss Martineau's physical maladies with firmness and frankness, finding her guilty, poor lady, of pretending to a disease of the heart for which there was no medical evidence.

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This kind of biography, unlike the laudatory variety, is never dull, and in the hands of Miss Bosanquet, whose style is subtle, penetrating and often witty, it becomes extremely interesting. Perhaps, the most entertaining part of her book concerns itself with Mr. Henry George Atkinson, the obscure mesmerist who cured Miss Martineau of an illness, and whom in return she idolised as a master and teacher. On nearly every page, however, there is some delightful touch, a characteristic anecdote, or quotation, or a faintly satirical comment. The book is a notable addition to the rapidly accumulating literature about those who are now generally known as "Eminent Victorians."

"Harriet Martineau." An Essay in Comprehension. By Theodora Bosanquet. London: Etchells and Macdonald. 15/- net.

A BOOK OF ESCAPES.

CAPTAIN HARDY, of the Connaught Rangers, a member of a well-known Belfast family, has written a book worthy of a place beside such classics of escape as "The Road to Endor," "The Escaping Club," and "Four Hundred and Fifty Miles to Freedom." Captured by the Germans in the Great War when he was but nineteen, an insatiable desire to get back to his country's aid drove him to make the attempt seven or eight times. On five occasions he got right away.

The first time he was actually on board a boat for Sweden, when, "running at full speed along the quayside, came a policeman, with another man in uniform. He was bawling at the top of his voice: 'Where is he? Where is he? That man's a British officer.'" When he and his friend were brought back to camp another surprise awaited them. "Gentlemen," said the commandant, "you have my sympathy. Had I been a prisoner in England I hope I should have acted as you have done."

He escaped from Halle, reaching Delmenhosst, only to give himself up in sheer fatigue. From Magdeburg he got as far as the Isle of Rugen, only to be caught. From Zorndorff, "the Escape University," he made several attempts, but all failed.

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Finally, from Scheidnitz he and another British officer, by means of forged passports and permits for the railway reached Aachen. Then on foot they sought the frontier. "Halt!" "Speaking in German, I called out, 'Look here, we are Dutch, and have crossed into Germany by accident. Can you show us our way back?' The answer came in broken German, 'I don't understand.' Scarcely able to believe our ears, scarcely able to breathe for the hammering of our hearts, we approached still nearer, and suddenly Loder shouted at the top of his voice: 'By God! they're Dutchmen!' 'Dutchmen?' I said stupidly. 'But if that's so we must be in Holland.' 'We are, old thing,' said he. . . ."

A thrilling story it is, well told, and it reveals a high-souled gentleman as its writer.

"I Escape!" By J. L. Hardy. London: Lane. 7s. 6d. net.

BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG.

"BLOBBS at the Stores" (6/- net) is another of those large-paged, comical animal books so well produced by Messrs. Chambers, and so sure of a delighted nursery to welcome them.

"The Young Gardener," by T. Geoffrey W. Heuslow (Dean, 2/6 net), is a simple gardening book, with instructions for work month by month.

"The Tale of the Cauldron" (MacLeod, Dundee, 2/6 net) is a Scottish folk-tale told in simple Gaelic, with interlinear English translation. There are 16 superb coloured illustrations by Gordon Browne, R.I.

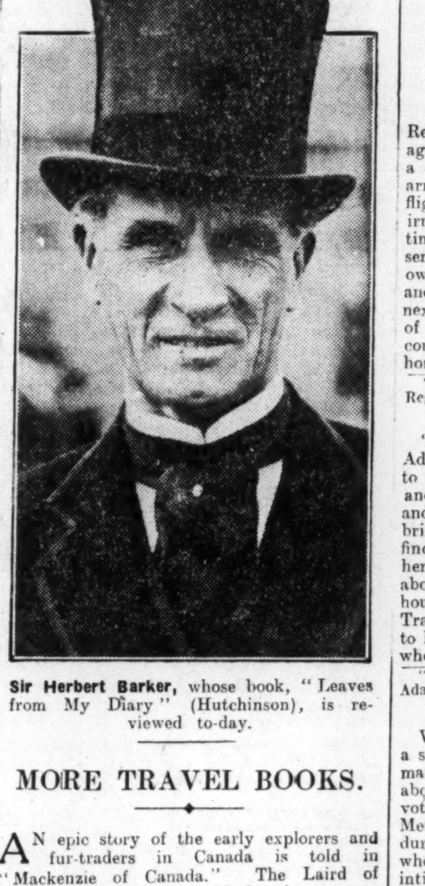
THE HORRID NOVELS.—The second book in this curious yellow-back series of works in the style beloved by Jane Austin is "The Necromancer," by Lawrence Flannenberg (London: Holden), a gruesome tale of Satanists, and is alleged to be founded on fact. The original translation first appeared in 1794.

A FAMOUS SURGEON'S MEMOIRS.

SIR HERBERT BARKER, as everyone knows, is the great exponent of manipulative surgery, and was knighted for his toils on behalf of suffering humanity. He has added to medical science an understanding of bloodless methods in the healing of many ills that formerly were treated with the knife, and his career has been one of conflict in the establishment of his principles.

Now comes Sir Herbert Barker's book of memoirs to tell the story of that life; and if occasionally it is—shall it be said?—a little egotistical, it must remain a chapter in medical history. There is a touching chapter on the fate of Dr Axham who, as will be remembered, was removed from the British Medical Register for assisting Sir Herbert Barker, to be vindicated only when death had robbed him of the satisfaction of enjoying that act of justice. Sir Herbert Barker is an admirer of Lord Carson, who stood by him in his lawsuit, and is described as being "as fascinating and informed a conversationalitst as he is a pre-eminently able counsel."

"Leaves from My Diary." By Sir Herbert Barker. London: Hutchinson. 21/- net.



Sir Herbert Barker, whose book, "Leaves from My Diary" (Hutchinson), is reviewed to-day.

MORE TRAVEL BOOKS.

AN epic story of the early explorers and fur-traders in Canada is told in "Mackenzie of Canada." The Laird of Avoch, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, was a pioneer whose trails carried him through the wild country between the Frazer River and the Pacific Ocean during the latter half of the eighteenth century. Material for his life story has been found in family records and other documents, and the narrative stirs the spirit. Here is one of those large and bold stories that are less the life-story of a man than chapters in the youth of a nation.

A new addition to the "Things Seen" series of hand-books, "Things Seen in Switzerland in Summer" maintains the high standard of the previous volumes; and "Things Seen in the Pyrenees" will be helpful to holiday-makers at Biarritz.

Captain L. M. Dundas has supplied a long-felt want in "A Big Game Pocket-Book for Kenya Colony," in which he describes the principal game of the country with short notes about every species which are of practical value to the hunter.

Mr. E. A. Powell, who, since his earlier travels, has established an international reputation for sound observation and balanced judgment, gives a most interesting and readable account of the French North African possessions in his latest book, "In Barbary." He travelled very extensively over the whole area, and the result of his careful observations should prove most useful as well as entertaining to anyone who is interested in these romantic countries.

"Mackenzie of Canada." By M. S. Wade. Edinburgh: Blackwood. 15/- net.
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RUMANIA TO-DAY.

AT a time when Rumania is so much "in the news," many people will welcome Mrs. Martineau's book. She does not attempt to treat of the political and economic conditions, but the descriptions of scenery and of the Royal Family give an interesting picture of a country which is little known to the West. Rumania still is semi-feudal, in spite of the agrarian reforms carried out since the Great War, and it is not difficult to imagine it as the scene of a romance by Mr. Anthony Hope.

To Mrs. Martineau it is also a gardener's country—"a land of roses, the soil rich and deep, being the alluvial deposit of the Danube. The roses, peonies and irises grow to a size, and possess a colour and scent, unsurpassed in any country." There are wild strawberries "so strongly scented that you can find them in a wood with your eyes shut," and, instead of afternoon tea, a sort of conserve made from rose leaves or the flowers of the lime-tree.

Mrs. Martineau talked to many of the principal people, including M. Bratiano, whom she visited in his country house in the foot-hills of the Carpathians. She expresses the warmest admiration for Queen Marie, who asked her to make plans for the Royal gardens: "It was only from close and careful observation of Queen Marie during my various visits to her that I was able to ascertain and wonder at her fulness of life. . . . She is one of the most gifted women in the world, as well as one of the most beautiful, and she has a brain which any man might envy. Her insight in the matter of politics is uncanny, and she has a positive genius for finance, and for reducing chaos into order. . . . It does not seem fair that one woman should possess so many qualities."

"Rumania and Its Rulers." By Mrs. Philip Martineau. London: Stanley Paul. 10/6 net.

RECENT FICTION.

"The End of the Furrow," by John Hugh Regan, is the story of a girl's dogged struggle against odds, and her final victory. She has a tough proposition to handle when she arrives in an isolated prairie town after her flight from surroundings that cramped and irritated her. Her father has come on hard times, and leads a rough life, with his old servant-comrade, who is faithful to him in his own strange way, rating him one minute, and defending him fiercely to all comers the next. Edith's courage and resource in all manner of difficulties are finely portrayed, and many convincing pictures are conveyed of the homely life of the little settlement.

"The End of the Furrow." By John Hugh Regan. London: Hutchinson. 7/6 net.

"When the Old House Dreams," by Cecil Adair, is a quaint story that brings one back to an old-time atmosphere. Corinne is of another age in temperament and outlook, and the most modern of environments fails to bring her to a modern point of view. She finds her spiritual home only when she leaves her own mother's roof, and takes up her abode with her godparents in Jamaica in the house whose dreams finally shape her future. Tragedy comes near to her, and nearer still to her lover, but is averted from both, to fall where it is deserved.

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William Croyland's book, "Prosperity," is a study of a man's temporary obsession with material gain, and the division that comes about between him and his wife while he devotes himself to the amassing of wealth. Merle, his wife, has this advantage over him during their separation, that the friends to whom she turns stand by her firmly. Jocelyn's intimates, after he has turned for the time-being into a soulless, money-making machine, are well calculated to harden his attitude into a permanent one. The determination of the young married couple to keep a stern check on all expression of sentiment had much to do with the beginning of the trouble, and went near to making the final solution of their difficulties impossible.

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"Chickie, a Sequel," by Elenore Meherin, takes up the story of "Chickie" when she had set out on her brave struggle to make a place for herself in the world, after the tragic experiences that had shadowed her earlier days. The romantic appeal of the first tale here is intensified by the high-hearted courage with which "Chickie" stands up to every buffet of fate, and finally wins her way to sanctuary. Miss Meherin's "Nora Lee" is a slighter tale, dealing with a young girl's brief obsession with a phase of society that only called to her curiosity about the new and strange. Her absorption is complete for a time, but is ended suddenly by the shock of a friend's calamity, and she emerges to the realisation of the truth of her old standards.

"Chickie, a Sequel." "Nora Lee." By Elenore Meherin. Hutchinson. 7/6 net each.

A BOOK FOR SPORTSMEN.—"Trenches and Kennel," by Charles Simpson, R.I. (London: Lane, 42s. net), is a sumptuously illustrated work on famous Yorkshire packs, including the Bramham Moor, Lord Middleton's Hunt and the Farndale. It is uniform with "The Harboro' Country," which we reviewed at some length a year ago.

CHRISTMAS LECTURES.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY AND THE CHILDREN.

The Royal Dublin Society's Christmas lectures this year, which will be delivered during the school holidays commencing on Tuesday next, include two devoted to adventures at sea, two to astronomy, and two to bird life. The lectures will be illustrated by lantern slides and cinematograph films.

The first two lectures—December 27th and 29th—will be delivered by Captain E. R. G. R. Evans, who was second in command to Scott's glorious but ill-fated expedition to the South Pole. In his first lecture Captain Evans will relate a thrilling story of the work of small craft during the Great War, and in his second lecture he will give an intimate account of Captain Scott's expedition to the Antarctic.

On December 31st and January 2nd Professor S. Brodetsky, Professor of Applied Mathematics in the University of Leeds, will explain to the young people the results of modern science as regards the true place of stars in the structure of the Universe, and in his second lecture he will point out the great work accomplished by Sir Isaac Newton more than 200 years ago, which has made possible many of the great triumphs of mathematical astronomy in recent years.

The last two lectures of the course—January 4th and 6th—will be delivered by Captain Knight, who already has lectured during the Christmas recess. "The Filming of the Golden Eagle" is the title of his first lecture. In his second lecture, "Bird Life in the Tree Tops," Captain Knight carries his audience on a perilous photographic expedition into the tops of lofty trees.

In order that the young people may not be crowded out by their elders, the front twelve rows of seats in the Lecture Hall, Ballsbridge, will be reserved for children up to ten minutes before the opening of the lecture.

Mr. Charles Courtenay Hodgson, Clerk of the Peace for Cumberland, died suddenly at Carlisle on Wednesday, aged 67. One of his brothers was the late Bishop of St. Edmunds, Bury and Ipswich.

DANCE AT KINGSTOWN TOWN HALL.

A dance and cabaret will be held on Tuesday, 27th December, in the Town Hall, Kingstown, in aid of the National Eye and Ear Hospital of Ireland.

The members of the Dublin Municipal ex-Serivce men's and Dependents' Association have passed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Mr. John J. O'Neill.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

The Life and Letters of Admiral Cornwallis. By G. Cornwallis-West. London: Holden. 30/- net.

The Diocese of Limerick in the 16th and 17th Centuries. By John Canon Begley. Dublin: Browne and Nolan. 21/- net.

The World Crisis: A Criticism. By Colonel the Lord Sydenham of Combe, Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon and others. London: Hutchinson. 10/6 net.

DRAMA.

The Drapier Letters and Her Ladyship—the poet—and the Dog. By Arthur Power. Dublin: Talbot Press. 2/- net.

IRISH LANGUAGE.

Béal na h-Ughaighe. By Leon O Broin. Dublin: Thom. 1/6 net.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Horse Knowledge. By Major H. Faudel-Phillips. London: Vinton. 10/6 net.

The Child's Guide to Horse Knowledge. By Major H. Faudel-Phillips. London: Vinton. 10/6 net.

Whitaker's Almanack, 1928. London: Whitaker. 6/- net.

NEW EDITIONS.

The Adventures of Five Hours. By Sir Samuel Tuke. London: Holden. 7/6 net.

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY.

Lausanne, 1927. By Canon E. S. Woods. London: Student Christian Movement. 4/- net.

The Christ of the Aryan Road. By the Senior Tutor (Cantab). London: Daniel. 3/6 net.

RECENT IRISH WILLS.

Mrs. Kathleen Davys, late of the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, who died at Llandudno on August 25th, 1927, left £15,342.

Mr. Philip O'C. White, late of Lower Leeson street, Dublin, Barrister-at-Law, who died on October 27th, 1927, left £2,472

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AN IRISH QUARTERLY REVIEW.—The December issue of *Studies* is exceptionally interesting. Dr. Eoin MacNeill writes on Ireland and Wales in jurisprudence. Mr. J. A. Lloyd writes on the problem of life in the stars, and the Rev. Professor Denis O'Keeffe has a notable paper on Duns Scotus, in which he demolishes a recent exposition of the Scotist philosophy. Mr. W. J. Williams illuminates the life story of Erasmus.

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NORTHERN MOTOR BILL.

LAND FOR PARKING PLACES.

In the next session of the Northern Parliament, which opens in March, a bill will be presented to make further provision for the improvement of roads and streets for the prevention of danger to pedestrians; to enable building lines to be prescribed in relation to certain roads; to provide parking places for vehicles, and to make provision for the erection and use of petrol pumps along roads.

The bill, which should meet a long-felt want, empowers local authorities, who desire to acquire land otherwise than by agreement for the purpose of improving or widening an old road or street or making a new road, to apply to the Ministry of Home Affairs for an order vesting the land in the local authority and providing for the payment and compensation in accordance with the provisions of a schedule.

OBSTRUCTING THE VIEW.

Section two, dealing with the prevention of obstruction to view at corners, provides that a local authority may serve a notice upon the owner or occupier of any land at or near any corner of bend, directing him to alter the height or character of any wall, fence or hedge.

Similar authority is granted to local bodies in respect of hedges which overhang any road so as to obstruct or interfere with the light from any public lamp or to endanger or obstruct the passage of vehicles or foot passengers, or the view of drivers of vehicles.

Section four deals with the prescription of a building line, which will be distinctly marked and shown on plans to be signed by and deposited with the clerk of the local authority.

PARKING PLACES.

For the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, local authorities are given power to provide parking places by acquiring land or authorising the use of any street within their area.

Powers are also given to councils to make charges for the use of any parking place which does not form part of a street.

With reference to petrol pumps, local authorities may grant to any person a licence to erect these in any road, street or footpath in their area; prescribe conditions in regard to the erection; require the payment of an annual fee, and impose penalties for the erection or use of pumps without licences.

MILESTONES.

The bill also provides that councils may incur reasonable expenditure in the provision and maintenance of direction posts, milestones or mileposts, and gives the Home Ministry power to make advances out of the Road Fund to a local authority for the purposes of the section.

CHRISTMAS IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

ANNUAL TREAT BY DUBLIN ROTARIANS.

Dublin Rotarians made hundreds of young people happy yesterday afternoon, when they provided their annual Christmas trees and entertainments at the three children's hospitals—Harcourt street, Orthopædic (Merrion street), and Temple street. Gifts of toys, fruit, sweets, etc., were given by the Rotarians, and numerous other friends, on a lavish scale.

When an *Irish Times* representative visited the three hospitals yesterday afternoon he found the children in the happiest mood; they seemed to have forgotten their sufferings, and their enjoyment was shared by their nurses. The wards were all decorated and illuminated.

At Harcourt street, where there are over fifty children, the toys, fruit, sweets, etc., were distributed by Father Christmas (Mr. W. B. Cunningham). Musical items were given by Mrs. Mailand, Mrs. Lambe, Mr. Christopher Bruton, and Mr. Arthur Jackson, and some pretty dances were given by Miss Betty Whitton and Miss Fat Dickson. The visitors present included:—Major Bryan Cooper, T.D. (President Dublin Rotary Club), and Mrs. Cooper; Mr. and Mr. J. S. McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hewett, Mr. Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Child, Mrs. W. B. Cunningham, Audrey Cunningham, and Mrs. W. Mailand. Rotarian M. J. Gorman was in charge of the arrangements.

At the Orthopædic Hospital, where there are seventy-one children, the gifts were also distributed by Mr. W. B. Cunningham (Father Christmas). The Rotarian Jazz Band gave a pleasing programme of music, and dances were contributed by the following pupils of Miss Violette Gordon McIntosh:—Baby Olive Tighe, Hilda Keogh, Nancy Byrne, Pearlie Kerwin, and Dorothy Farnham. Rotarian W. S. Glenn was in charge of the arrangements, and the visitors included:—Mr. J. Hubbard Clark (Governor of the hospital); Messrs. Fred Thompson, Fred Swiss, Tom Cairns and Joe Hamilton; Mrs. Mason, Miss F. Smith, Miss K. Brown, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Newcombe Clarke, and Miss Findlater.

At Temple street, where there are ninety patients, Rotarian F. M. Summerfield was in charge of the arrangements, and the gifts were distributed by Mrs. Summerfield. Songs, dances and recitations were contributed by Miss Gray and her troupe of dancers—the Misses N. and J. Cummins. The Misses Rita Woodhead, M. Coltburst, P. Parnell, H. Mitchell, and M. and E. Mullen. Mr. E. Elley was the accompanist. The visitors were:—Mr. M. P. Rowan, Mr. J. T. Dolan, r. T. Graham, Mrs. F. V. Shanahan, Mrs. J. P. Ryan, and the Misses K. and M. Kenny.

To-day an entertainment will be given at Cappagh Hospital at 2 o'clock. Mr. M. Rowan will be in charge. Cars will leave Foster place at 12.45.

FLAG DAYS FOR UNEMPLOYED.

The National Unemployed Movement is holding a series of "Flag Days" this week on behalf of the unemployed, with the sanction of the police authorities. The flag sellers work in couples, are numbered, and carry a copy of the police permit, all copies bearing the signature of Mr. Edward Muldowney, the secretary of the movement. The most needy cases will be relieved as far as possible on Christmas Eve out of the money received.

Should shopkeepers or others desire to make a donation of food, they can either send it to Mr. Muldowney at 31 Marlborough street, Dublin, or ring up 2686, when it will be called for. Application at the same address will procure unskilled labour, together with electricians and other tradesmen, for temporary or permanent employment. Postal orders and cheques should be made payable to the National Unemployed Movement and crossed. All contributions will be acknowledged.

CAR WRECKED AND DRIVER FINED.

Patrick J. G. McKenna, Market street, Newry, the driver of a motor car which was said to have sped along a Belfast thoroughfare at between forty and fifty miles an hour, finally going over a hedge into a field, was fined £10 for reckless driving in Belfast Summons Court yesterday. His licence was ordered to be endorsed.

His solicitor said that the defendant was not used to the road, and that when he put on the brakes the car skidded, taking him over the hedge. He was unhurt, but the car was "knocked up like an old tin bucket."

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS OF 1932.

The Town Clerk of Limerick has received from the editor of the "Irish Messenger" a letter, thanking the Corporation for the resolution advocating the holding of the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932.

The letter added that Dublin was also favoured at the International Congress held in Paris last week.

DONATION FOR POOR OF RATHKEALE.

Mrs. Lloyd has sent to the parish priest of Rathkeale, Monsignor O'Donnell, V.G., £18 from London for distribution among the poor of the town, thus continuing the donation which was given every Christmas by her husband, the late General Lloyd, of Beechmound, near Rathkeale.

PROFIT-TAKING IN DUBLIN.

DISCLOSURES IN FOOD TRIBUNAL REPORT.

FORESTALLERS' ROUGH-AND-READY TRADING.

That there is excessive profit-taking in fish, fruit and vegetables in Dublin is among the important conclusions of the Tribunal on Food Prices.

In regard to fish, the Tribunal recommends that official market prices should be published weekly in the Press, and that traders should be compelled to display their prices. It is recommended that the sale of vegetables and fruit in the Dublin market should be in standard quantities properly graded. The compulsory display of vegetables and fruit price lists and consumers' auctions is also suggested.

FISH PRICES IN DUBLIN.

The investigations into fish prices were confined to the Dublin area. It was found that of the fish consumed, 25 per cent. is imported direct by retailers, and the remainder supplied through the Dublin Corporation Market. From a detailed statement of the sales of fish in the Dublin Market on February 11 this year it was found that the large proportion of the day's supply of fish which found its way to the forestaller was remarkable. The forestallers' clients were, in the main, street hawkers.

The forestallers, the Commissioners say, gave evidence to the effect that they made about 1s. to 2s. per box of fish, but were unable to give any precise information as to the disposal of the fish bought by them on that day, or to produce evidence of specific transactions showing the profit made. Their methods of trading appeared to be rough and ready; none of them kept accounts, and one of them stated that she did not know how much money she brought to market or how much she brought home at the end of the day.

Each forestaller purchased on an average about £13 worth of fish on the day, and we found it difficult to credit these statements as to their methods of trading, even when corroborated in detail by retailers who gave evidence at the sitting. In these circumstances the evidence as to the profits made by the market women was inconclusive, but we are inclined to think that the large addition to the retail price of fish due to their operations is not so much the result of excessive profit-taking as of their wasteful and inefficient methods of business.

THE MOST PROFITABLE FISH FOR RETAILERS.

Some very large rates of gross profit were realised on certain classes of fish. Retailers stated that whiting and plaice were the most profitable fish to them, but the rate of gross profit on the sale of cod and haddock were almost as great. It is a curious fact that the rate of gross profit on the sale of the more expensive fish (salmon, trout, turbot) was considerably lower than on the sale of the cheaper fish. From the particulars at our disposal we find that the rate of gross profit on the sale on the 11th February, 1927, of fish sold by weight (*i.e.*, the great bulk of the supply) was 34 per cent., and on the sale of fish sold by head was 19 per cent. We would, therefore, be safe in putting the rate of gross profit on the whole retail sale on that day at 30 per cent., after allowing for waste. The retailers who gave evidence stated that it happened that the 11th February, 1927, being a Friday, was a day on which their gross profits were unusually high. From an examination of accounts, which covered two years trading, it appears that the normal rate of gross profit on turnover, after allowing for waste, was 26 per cent.; the normal rate of expenses on turnover was 15 per cent.; and the normal rate of net profit 11 per cent. on turnover. It is seen, therefo.., that the rate of gross profit taken for the particular day under review exceeded the rate taken over a period by 4 per cent.

Both auctioneers and buyers told the Tribunal that they would welcome regulations making it compulsory to sell fish graded and in standard quantities. It is, therefore, recommended that the sale of fish in the market should be by standard quantities.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

The report states that in the case of cabbages, a standard wholesale unit was unknown in Dublin, and that in the case of the most popular fruits (apples, oranges, and bananas) similar conditions generally prevailed. Retailers, when required to state cost prices of cabbages, almost invariably quoted a figure per load, and further examination elicited the reply that a load of cabbages might contain from twenty to sixty dozen.

Similar conditions prevailed in the handling of apples, oranges, and bananas. These fruits vary greatly in size and quality, and the contents of barrels, boxes, and crates, themselves uniform, differ in quantity to a remarkable degree. A further difficulty was that the contents of a single purchase, *e.g.*, a load of cabbage, a ton of potatoes, or a box of oranges, were not disposed of by the retailer at a uniform price. Potatoes bought at 5s. 10d. per cwt. were sold at 1s., 1s. 1d., and 1s. 2d. per stone, according to quality, and, generally, no records were available of the quantities sold at each price. In these circumstances no attempt could be made to obtain an adequate statistical basis for the construction of a "price structure" of any of these commodities. We also found that, with one exception, retailers, even in a large way of business, were not in a position to produce trading accounts of any sort. Any attempt to procure the keeping of accounts over a test period, even if successful, would have unduly prolonged our inquiries and delayed the presentation of this report.

PRIMARY AND RETAIL PRICES.

A table is given in the report which reveals some curious movements in the primary and retail prices of potatoes. In the July quarters the rise in retail prices was considerably greater than was warranted by the corresponding rise in primary prices, while in the October quarters the opposite was the case, but not to so great an extent. We were much impressed by the small proportion of the final price of potatoes which accrues to the farmer. We have seen, in the case of eggs, that the farmers' portion of the final price for the years 1925 and 1926 amounted to 76 per cent. and 81 per cent., respectively, as against 61 per cent. and 62 per cent., respectively, in the case of potatoes.

While primary prices over the period dropped by 3d. per stone, the decline in retail prices was more marked, amounting to 7½d. per stone; yet the proportion accruing to the farmer at the end of the period (viz., /3 per cent. of the retail price) is less than the proportion he received for his eggs. There does not appear to be any good reason why the distributor's margin should be greater in the case of potatoes than eggs, and we must conclude that, even at the end of the period examined (January, 1927), when the fall in retail prices was double the fall in primary prices, the distributor's margin was too large. These statistics refer to the Saorstat as a whole.

THE FORESTALLER AND THE RETAILER.

We were impressed by the large proportion of the price to the consumer which is absorbed by intermediaries, especially in the case of potatoes and vegetables. Where a forestaller and a retailer are interposed between the producer and the consumer, the rate of gross profit of the forestaller frequently exceeds that of the retailer. We see no reason for this. In other trades the wholesaler (who corresponds roughly with the forestaller) takes a smaller rate of gross profit than the retailer. The forestaller of vegetables and potatoes is a middleman without the virtues of the ordinary wholesaler who exercises a regulative effect on the market and finds markets for surplus produce. The forestaller exists solely by reason of the fact that there are too many small vegetable and fruit shops.

An examination of the transactions in which the forestaller played no part reveals the fact that no advantage accrued to the consumer through the elimination of the forestaller. The price to the consumer remained the same, and was fixed at a level which afforded the least efficient retailer a sufficient profit. The profit of the large retailer who does not buy from a forestaller must, therefore, have been excessive.

SOME RESERVATIONS.

Among several reservations made by Mr. R. A. Butler, a signatory to the report, is the following:—

"Though in agreement with the conclusion that there are too many retail shops in the

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DELAYED MAILBOAT SAILINGS.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS MAILS.

Yesterday morning the mail boat from Holyhead did not arrive at Kingstown until 7.17 a.m. The delay was caused by heavy traffic in Great Britain.

The departure of the night mail boat from Kingstown to Holyhead was much delayed last night. She did not leave the pier until 9.30 p.m. This late start was caused by the Southern and Northern combined train not arriving at the Carlisle Pier until about 9.10 p.m. The late arrival of the train was ascribed to the heavy goods and mail traffic of the Christmas season.

The sudden increase in the number of mail bags has been large. Yesterday's mails were nearly twice as large as in normal times, when no American mails are being conveyed.

About 600 bags of mails arrived by yesterday morning's boat and 429 by the evening boat. The outgoing mail boat last night carried over 500 bags of mails, or about twice as much as usual.

HIGH HEELS ON HOCKEY FIELDS

NORTHERN CLUB'S WARNING.

The war on high heels in ladies' hockey circles in Northern Ireland has been resumed. Last season there were many complaints by grounds committees regarding the wearing of high-heeled boots and shoes, and the consequent damage to the turf, and now the Ards Lacrosse Club Committee, on whose grounds the Ards ladies' hockey teams play, has issued a warning of drastic action if the practice is persisted in.

Ards ground is one of the best in the North, and after a match on Saturday last the pitch was pitted with holes, mostly made by one player.

Secretaries of clubs visiting Ards are now requested to inform their players that no one with high heels will be allowed on the ground, and the notice concludes: "We would be very sorry to see any player left on the touchline; but, after this warning, it will be their own fault if they do not provide themselves with low heels on their footwear."

OVER-PROOF SPIRITS IN BOTTLE.

BELFAST CUSTOMS CASE.

A charge of larceny preferred against him having been withdrawn, Thomas Alexander, Sixth street (North Howard street), warehouseman, appeared at the Belfast Licensing Court yesterday, charged with having in his possession a quantity of spirits upon which full duty had not been paid.

Detective Sergeant Brown said that when the defendant left the premises of William Cowan and Company in Great Patrick street, with other employés, at 1 p.m. on the 10th inst., he saw the neck of a bottle of whiskey sticking out of his pocket. Alexander objected to being searched in the street, and they went to the engine house at the rear of the premises, where the defendant darted into a dark hall, and ran up to the top of the house, four floors up. The witness called out that he would use his revolver if he did not stop. When the witness got up to him he found a pint bottle of whiskey at his feet. "You can search me now, sir, if you like," the defendant remarked, and at the police station later he said that he knew nothing about it.

The defendant denied that he ran from the sergeant, or that he had the bottle in his possession.

A Customs and Excise officer said that the spirit was 23.3 per cent. over-proof, while the usual strength of spirits leaving a bonded house in bottle was 25 under proof. In cross-examination, the witness said that whiskey was sometimes supplied to chemists over-proof.

The magistrates said that they had no earthly doubt that this bottle of whiskey was taken out of Messrs. Cowan's premises, but they could not say with what object. They would fine the defendant £10, which was not excessive, in view of the fact that the maximum penalty under the Act was £500.

THREE IRISHMEN IN ST. HELENS.

MEETING THAT ENDED IN POLICE COURT.

Three Irishmen—John Regan, Michael Healy and William Halpin—two of them farm labourers and the third a miner, recently met in a publichouse in St. Helens (Lancashire). Greetings were exchanged, and, in the course of them, their common connection with the Isle of the Shamrock was discovered.

However, when Healy said that he came from Kerry, Halpin said: "That is in the West. Only bad men come from the West. They half-starve them there."

Healy stood up for the West, and later, when going home, according to his own story before the magistrates, was attacked by Halpin and two of his cronies.

A fight took place, and was in progress when two plain-clothes men arrived on the scene.

Immediately when these men interfered there was a cry of: "Down with the Black and Tans. Get rid of the bounders."

The arrival of more police prevented a nasty situation developing on one of the main streets of St. Helens.

When the case was dealt with the two combatants mentioned were bound over to keep the peace, and the third man, Regan, who interfered, was fined £1 for obstructing the police.

BELFAST KNIFE ATTACK.

"SCENE" IN SALVATION ARMY HOSTEL.

At Belfast Custody Court yesterday, James M'Glade, of no fixed abode, was remanded for a week in custody, charged with assaulting John M'Dougall, night watchman at the Salvation Army Hostel, Waring street, by cutting him in the neck with a knife.

John M'Dougall said that on Wednesday evening the accused man entered the hostel and said that he had come there to bully him. He refused to leave, and when the witness attempted to put him outside he struck him on the chest with his fist. They then struggled, and the witness felt a sharp blow on the left side of his neck. He saw a knife in the prisoner's hand, and blood was flowing from his neck. After the prisoner left the witness had two stitches put in the wound.

DUNGARVAN FAIR.

Dungarvan fair was held last Wednesday. The supply of stock was small, and prices were lower all round. Best three-year-old bullocks and heifers made from £14 to £17, secondary sorts from £12 to £15; best one-and-a-half year olds made from £9 to £11; the second class from £8 to £10. The best springers were sold at from £17 to £20; others made from £14 to £17. A few fat cows were on offer and changed hands at prices ranging rom £12 to £14. A small supply of sheep was on the market, and mutton averaged from 9d. to 11d. per lb. Best hoggets made from 30s. to £2, those in the second class making from 25s. to 30s. The supply of store pigs was fair, and the prices ranged from 45s. to 55s. Sows with farrows made from £8 to £12. A small number of horses changed hands at the usual prices.

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Saorstat, I cannot agree that there is no competition between different shops, considering that prices charged are not uniform; nor do I think that the prices charged, say, by well-managed concerns are fixed by those charged by the least efficient shop.

"I do not agree that a reduction in the number of shops would necessarily lead to a reduction in prices charged to the consumer; and I also consider that any person wishing to trade should be allowed to do so provided that the premises used are suitable. Measures should be taken to prohibit from trading persons frequently convicted of offences, such as adulteration, short weight, etc."

EXCITING AFFAIR IN CLONMEL.

PRISONER'S DASH FROM GUARDS.

WOUNDED & RECAPTURED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
CLONMEL, Thursday.

A sensation was caused in Clonmel yesterday evening by the wounding and arrest of James Nugent, T.C., Clonmel, who has been "on the run" for over a year.

In November, 1925, he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in Dublin for taking part in an unlawful military force and being in possession of treasonable documents. He had served some of the sentence when, with other prisoners, he escaped from Mountjoy Prison, having been rescued by men wearing Civic Guard's uniform, armed with warrants.

Since then he has been sought by the authorities. He was elected on the Clonmel Corporation, and was twice disqualified for non-attendance, but excused.

On Wednesday night, it is stated, he was seen leaving a public-house in O'Connell street, Clonmel, accompanied by some other persons, and apparently was observed by two members of the detective branch of the Civic Guard. As he was about to enter a waiting motor car at the corner of Quay street and Blue Anchor lane, he was called upon by the detectives to halt and put up his hands.

It is stated that he immediately shouted: "Stand back," and it is also alleged that he put his hand to his hip pocket. One of the detectives grappled with him, but he broke away and made a dash for liberty. He was called upon to halt a second time, but did not do so. A shot was fired, but he continued to run. Two more shots were fired, and Nugent stumbled and fell, and when picked up was found to be wounded in the hip.

He was brought to a house, and a priest and a doctor were sent for. After he had been seen by a priest and Dr. Murphy, he was conveyed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was detained by Dr. Crean, medical officer, for treatment.

THE LATEST DANCES.

EXHIBITION IN BELFAST.

An interesting exhibition of the latest ballroom dances was given by Ir. Arthur Hamilton and Miss Colette Garland at the Carlton Restaurant, Donegall place, Belfast, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hamilton, who is a member of a well-known Belfast family, has been engaged to take part in an attractive Christmas programme at the Carlton. He has appeared with success at the Coliseum, London, and has toured most of the English cities. He is an expert at both cabaret and ballroom dancing. His partner, Miss Colette Garland, comes from Dublin.

Discussing the new "Yale Blues," Mr. Hamilton said: "It is more graceful than the original. When it came out first it was rather jerky, but this effect had been successfully eliminated by several gliding movements." The "Blues" is very popular in London, and is one of the most successful dances of the season.

Mr. Hamilotn gave a demonstration of the "Rhythm Step," a new dance, the music for which is not yet on sale.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

SECRETARY ON VISIT TO IRELAND.

Among the tourist passengers in the White Star liner Baltic, which arrived in Southampton yesterday, was Miss Kathleen Reynolds O'Connor, of New York, the secretary of the Knights of Columbus of America, who is on a visit to Sir Thomas and Lady Esmonde. Miss O'Connor, who is to tour Ireland during the next three months for the purpose of writing a paper on travel for the Knights of Columbus, is a grand-daughter of the famous Irish patriot, Beare James Reynolds, of New Haven, Connecticut, who in 1867 organised and financed the "Catalpa Whaling Expedition," which sailed from New Bedford, Mass., for Fremantle, Australia, and there rescued a number of Irish political prisoners, including John Boyle O'Reilly.

ST. BRICIN'S HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Last night at St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin, the annual Christmas entertainment for the patients was provided by the Portobello Dramatic Society. One of the most enjoyable items on the programme was the skit on the daily routine life of a soldier, by the "Portobello Boys," this being the production of Lieutenant P. J. McGoldrick. Other one-act comedy sketches were produced, in which the principals were Sergeant J. F. Kiely, Private J. Ryan, Private McCurtain, Sergeant Murphy, Private De Botte, Miss Kathleen O'Neill, Private Prowse and Private Jennings.

The following also contributed to the programme:—Nigger Trio: Sergeant Murphy, Private De Botte, Mr. T. Grogon; Portobello Trio of Irish Dancers—Miss Betty Downing and the Misses Vera and Mary Boyle (accompanied by Private De Botte on Irish Pipes); Soloists—Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Devlin, Mr. Tom Birch, Mr. T. Grogan, Sergeant Murphy, Corporal O'Flaherty, Private Prowse and Miss Alicia Mann, with Miss Eileen Allen (R.I.A.M.), accompanying at the piano.

ROSCREA PUBLICAN'S LICENCE ENDORSED.

At Roscrea District Court, Mrs. Sarah M. Maloney, Roscrea, was fined £1 1s. and the licence endorsed on the charge of keeping open for the sale of drink. Two men found on the premises were each fined 5s.

The two men said that they were regular friendly visitors, and were not supplied with any drink on the occasion. One of them was a total abstainer.

The Justice, in convicting, said that he could not accept the explanation.

FIRE IN LIMERICK BAKERY.

An outbreak of fire was discovered in the bakery establishment of Mrs. J. McNamara, Mary street, Limerick, yesterday morning. It originated in the fusing of electric wires, but was extinguished by the Corporation Fire Brigade before much damage was done.

Insurances at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—R. H. Bolton, Manager. Agents everywhere. —(Advt.)

MOTOR VESSEL LAUNCHED AT BELFAST.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Limited, yesterday launched from their South Yard, Belfast, the motor vessel King Lud, the fifth of nine motor cargo vessels ordered by the King Line, Ltd. She has a straight stem and cruiser stern, and her principal dimensions are:—Length B.P., 400ft.; breadth moulded, 54ft. 6ins.; depth moulded, 34ft. 8ins.; gross tonnage, 5,180. The masts are of the telescopic type, and are suitable for navigating the Manchester Ship Canal.

The propelling machinery consists of one Harland B. and W. six-cylinder four-cycle single-acting Diesel engine. The engine has forced lubrication throughout, oil also being used for piston cooling, while the cylinder jackets are water cooled.

THIEF SENTENCED.

At Enniscorthy District Court yesterday, Cornelius O'Neill, Ballinakill, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a shot-gun, valued at £2, and a watch, valued at £3, the property of John Clese, Knockduff.

The Justice commended Sergeants Hayes and Sullivan for their prompt recovery of the stolen goods.

Thousands of ladies keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house. Those who use them recommend them, hence their enormous sale. Price 5s. Sold by all Chemists and Stores; or post free from Proprietors, Martin,

Keep warmer on BOVRIL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE EX-SERVICE MEN'S COMMISSION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 9th inst. it was reported that the Commission recently appointed to investigate the claims of British ex-Service men decided, at their inaugural meeting held on the 8th inst., that the proceedings of the Commission should not be open either to the public or to the Press. At a large and representative meeting held at this Branch on the 9th inst., at which the Right Hon. Lord Inchiquin, patron of the Branch, presided, a resolution was unanimously adopted protesting strongly against the secrecy to be employed by this Commission, no reason for which has yet been explained.

The claims of British ex-Service men in this area are based almost entirely upon the promises made to them at the commencement of the war by the British Government, through its recruiting officers, that, in return for their services, they would be provided with houses fit to live in, instead of the hovels they then occupied, and in most cases still occupy. In this matter they seek no concession but the fulfilment of a promise definitely made, but not yet fulfilled. The houses so far provided in Ennis and West Clare do not represent more than two *per cent.* of the ex-Service population. I have in my possession letters from British ex-Service men in almost every part of the county applying for cottages under the Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust scheme. Many of these men had their applications for houses accepted years ago, and in some instances I believe the foundations were actually laid down, but the building never was proceeded with.

The conditions under which so many of these men and their families exist are so bad that, unless speedy and adequate provision is made for their proper accommodation, heavy mortality must inevitably result. It is now nine years since the war terminated, and, making due allowance for the years of civil turmoil in the country, the houses intended to be built are not yet completed.

It is felt here, and, I am sure, in other districts also, that the just demands of the Irish ex-Service men should be considered equitably and openly. Should the Commission now appointed hold to their policy of secrecy, for which no reason is apparent, it is feared that their sphere of usefulness will be greatly confined, to the detriment of the men whose claims they are about to consider.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. RANALOW, Honorary Secretary.
British Legion (Ireland),
Ennis Branch.
December 21st, 1927.

A LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I read with interest the description of the picture of the landing of King George IV. at Dunleary in 1821. I have always believed that the Lord Mayor of Dublin depicted in this picture was my great-grandfather, Sir Abraham King, Bart. The gold snuff-box presented to him, with a miniature of King George, is still in my family's possession.—Yours, etc.,

P. S. PIATT (Major, R.F.A., Retired).
Gorey, Co. Wexford,
December 22nd, 1927.

A ROAD PERIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Skirting along some country road or suburban highway on any misty night, with hi dull overcoat, his muddy wheel, no rear-light, and his precarious headlight, the night cyclist is unfair to other road-users. Anyone with experience will know it. Rear reflectors are cheap at sixpence; a white envelope pinned to the back is cheaper still. Almost anything like that—even light-coloured socks, failing all else—may save a life.

Often I think that cyclists are callous—they expect too much of the motorist, with his dazzle-blinded eye.—Yours, etc.,

"FOUR WHEELS."

County Dublin,
December 22nd, 1927.

PLAIN CLOTHES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your leading article of this date, "Single Men in Barracks," you say: "Hitherto the privilege of wearing plain clothes when 'off duty' has been confined to officers, warrant officers and sergeants." That is not altogether correct. During my service, which goes back many years, officers' servants and grooms and officers' mess servants were permitted to wear plain clothes out of barracks. In addition, men of good character, irrespective of rank, who were recommended by their company commanders, would, at the discretion of the C.O., be granted a "pass" to enable them to do so when going on furlough.

I do not remember any case of the privilege being abused. Education in those days in the Army was, no doubt, not up to the standard of the present day; but a man need not be highly educated to be respectable and well-behaved.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. WOOD, Colonel.
Cool-naVee, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
December 22nd, 1927.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—"Seller's" argument as to the commercial necessity of selling what the public demands is incontrovertible, but when he mixes this up with the implication that the average British "robin and snow" card is "artistic," and suggests that public preference is a true test of art value, one must hope that he is singular in his ideas. If such a notion is widespread in this country, then, indeed, the heavens are closed, and we need no longer marvel at the R.D.S. flamingo.—Yours, etc.,

"ANOTHER PURCHASER."

Dublin, December 22nd, 1927.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND APPEALS.

SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Permit me to thank all the very kind friends of this hospital who so splendidly rallied to our help on the recent Pound Day. We have received to date over £500, and in groceries, farm produce etc., 1,374 lbs. As there are still some collecting cards outstanding, we hope yet to reach £550.—Yours, etc.,

M. THORNTON,
Lady Superintendent.
Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin,
December 22nd, 1927.

TESTING EGGS BY CANDLE.

For exposing stale eggs for sale, Patrick Donnelly, Divis street, Belfast, who has a rented stall, was fined 40s. and costs at the Belfast Summons Court yesterday.

A son of the defendant said that on this occasion the electric tester was out of order, and he tested these particular eggs with a candle and found them fresh. He added, in cross-examination, that there was a greater air space in eggs at this time of the year than in the spring.

THE PORK INDUSTRY.

ADDITIONAL MARKET FOR PORTADOWN.

Mr. D. Rock, M.B.E., J.P., presided at a meeting of the Portadown Town Council last Wednesday night, when the Clerk (Mr. H. Sewell) reported that, as directed, he had gone to Enniskillen and got into touch with the Pig Farming Association, which had been formed there. The Association shipped the pigs of their members to London, Manchester and other large markets. The worst English market gave them a net profit of 8s. per cwt. above the price in the local markets, and the best English market a net profit of 21s. per cwt. It was expected that in a short time the Association would control the marketing of pigs over the entire county of Fermanagh, and similar organisations would be formed in other counties.

Mr. Hall said that they would be killing their market by trying to encourage what was now proposed. He suggested that their pork market should be held on Wednesday instead of Saturday.

Mr. D. F. Bell, J.P., was in favour of the farmers starting an Association to dispose of their pork. "Our market cannot be worse than it is," he said. "The pork market is done in this town altogether."

Mr. W. J. Johnston, J.P.—That is all nonesense.

Mr. Bell—It was the best market in Northern Ireland for many years.

The Chairman contradicted Mr. Bell's statement that the market was done. Portadown pork market was not any worse than other markets, and if there was less talk at the Council meetings it would be much better for the markets.

Mr. Bell—I can prove my statement.

Mr. J. Sandford said that a considerable number of dead pigs were brought into the local pork-curing establishments during the week of which Mr. Bell took no account.

Mr. R. Wright moved that an additional market for the sale of pork be held on Wednesday, provided sufficient buyers of standing signified their intention of attending.

Mr. Bell, in seconding, said that this might improve the market.

Mr. George Johnston hoped that an additional market would not interfere with the sale of live pigs established by Mr. Hall, which was a benefit to the town and to the farmers.

The motion was passed unanimously.

ROSCOMMON HEALTH BOARD ESTIMATE.

DOCTOR'S RESIGNATION.

At the meeting of Roscommon County Board of Health in Boyle Dr. Blakeney tendered his resignation as surgeon to the County Surgical Hospital.

The Chairman (Mr. P. T. Jordan) paid a tribute to the valuable services Dr. Blakeney had rendered.

Owing, he added, to the lack of accommodation in the past nearly all serious cases had to be sent to Dublin hospitals. They were now expending £3,000 on improving the hospital. They would try to get the best surgeon in Ireland to fill the vacancy. They paid £1,900 this year to Dublin hospitals for patients, and when they had their own hospital reopened and in charge of an eminent surgeon, like Dr. Blakeney was, they could save more than half that sum. They proposed to offer a salary of £800 or £900 to the surgeon to be appointed in order to attract the most eminent men.

The meeting decided, on the suggestion of the Secretary, to ask the Local Government Department to send down a medical inspector to act in an advisory capacity to the Board.

Submitting his annual estimate, the Secretary (Mr. F. J. Kelly) said that £19,580 would be required for the County Board services and £5,890 for the work formerly done by the District Councils. He did not think, he said, that there was any other county in the Free State that could show such a record of economy. The estimate was the same as last year, though they were carrying out improvements to the surgical hospital and erecting a new laundry at the County Home.

The Chairman said that the total annual estimate was £28,000 when they took office.

BELFAST "HOLD-UP" FAILURE.

PUBLICAN RETALIATES WITH MALLET.

Three men, one of whom was armed, were foiled in an attempt to rob the licensed premises of Mr. J. Nugent, Garmoyle street, Belfast, by the plucky action of the proprietor, who, covered with a revolver and ordered to hand them over money, snatched up a mallet that was lying handy and rushed at the men with it.

The raiders were taken by surprise and rushed from the shop. Mr. Nugent followed, but they were able to make good their escape.

The police are now investigating the affair.

WATERED WHISKEY.

PUBLICAN'S LICENCE ENDORSED

At Portarlington District Court, before Justice O'Donohue, Mrs. Drinane, publican, Portarlington, was fined 21s., 20s. costs, 10s. for analyst's certificate, and her licence endorsed for exposing for sale whiskey containing 7.4 per cent. of excessive water.

'BUS DRIVER FINED.

Albert Brennan, Wexford, driver of the Wexford to Dublin passenger 'bus, was fined 10s. last Thursday at Enniscorthy District Court for exceeding the speed limit on the road between Enniscorthy and Gorey.

Sergeant Kelly, Civic Guards, stated that he had a speed trap at Ballinahalla, and he found defendant travelling 220 yards in sixteen seconds, or about 28 miles per hour. The speed limit was 12 miles per hour.

Mr. O'Connor, solicitor for the defendant, admitted the speed, but urged that it would be impossible to expect a man to drive a 'bus such a long journey, from Wexford to Dublin, at 12 miles per hour.

STRABANE TRADER'S DEATH.

Mr. Samuel McClaery, Artigarvan, Strabane, died suddenly yesterday morning. He carried on a grocery business, and had been attending to it as usual in the morning. Formerly he was a teacher in the Glebe National School, Artigarvan, for over half a century. He was a member of the local Orange Lodge for almost seventy years, and, in connection with his church, had the unique distinction of being the only parish clerk in all Ireland.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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8 p.m.

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The Civil Service Commissioners invite applications for positions for not less than two Temporary Assistant Agricultural Overseers under the Department of Agriculture. Salary: married men, £85-£5-£140; single men, £70-£5-£120, plus cost-of-living bonus in each case. At present the bonus on £85 is £63 15/-, and on £70 is £52 10/-. Age limits, 20 to 35 years. Latest date for receiving applications is 10th January, 1928. Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.
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NOTE.—The date originally fixed for the receipt of Tenders has been altered from the 17th to the 31st proximo.
T. CASSEDY, Secretary.
Oifig Oibreach Puibli (Office of Public Works),
Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin),
22nd December, 1927.

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TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Theatre Royal—"Formby Seeing Life."
Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Olympia Theatre—"Balmy Days."
Abbey Theatre—"The Cradle Song."
Capitol—"Cabaret," "Safety Last," and Varieties.
Metropole Cinema—"That's My Daddy."
Grafton Picture House—"The Blonde Saint."
Grand Central Cinema—"What Price Glory."
Corinthian Cinema—"The Further Adventures of the Flag Lieutenant."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Rex, The Devil Horse."

THE DEATH-RATE IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

The annual rate of mortality in England and Wales last week averaged 12.8 per 1,000.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1927.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The King has sent a donation of £5 towards the fund for providing a Christmas treat for the children of the unemployed ex-Service men in the Kingstown district.—(Page 7.)

Mr. Cosgrave will leave Southampton for the United States on the Homeric on January 11th, and will return from New York on the Olympic on February 4th.—(Page 7.)

On Wednesday night James Nugent, T.C., who escaped from Mountjoy Jail, Dublin, a couple of years ago, broke away from Civic Guards who caught him in Clonmel. When he refused to halt shots were fired, and he was wounded in the hip and recaptured.—(Page 5.)

Owing to the heavy mails the Kingstown-Holyhead mail-boat has been delayed on several occasions during the past few days.—(Page 5.)

The engineers have reported to the Belfast Water Commissioners that the Silent Valley scheme can be carried out at a cost of £1,350,000.—(Page 7.)

The office staffs of Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., Belfast, have received notices terminating their engagements at the end of the year. The shipbuilding yards will not be closed.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York yesterday issued an important statement on the rejection of the revised Prayer-book.—(Page 7.)

In the House of Lords yesterday the Lord Chancellor read the text of the King's Speech, and Parliament was prorogued till Tuesday, 7th February next.—(Page 8.)

The British Government's new proposals, which provide for an increase of £225,000 in the estimates for compensation for Irish loyalists, are criticised.—(Page 3.)

ABROAD

Yesterday, at a public Consistory in Rome, the Pope conferred the Red Hat on five new Cardinals.—(Page 8.)

Although rescue operations are still being continued, it is feared that there is very little hope of the six men entombed on the Submarine S4 being got out alive.—(Page 8.)

William Hickman, the youth who was wanted for the murder of the girl Marian Parker at Los Angeles, was captured yesterday near Pendleton, Oregon, after an exciting chase by detectives.—(Page 8.)

SPORTING

The entries for the Lincolnshire and other Spring Handicaps were issued yesterday.—(Page 3.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were less active, but there were many features among Industrials.—(Page 10.)

Loans were very comfortable in Lombard street at 3½ per cent. down to 3 per cent. Discount rates were unchanged.—(Page 11.)

In a small Dublin market Guinness rose ¼ to 47⅝, and Marconis were again active and higher.—(Page 10.)

Britain's Progress.

The King prorogued the Imperial Parliament yesterday after an eventful session. Britain's position, at home and abroad, gives cause for general satisfaction. Unemployment still constitutes an acute problem, but the latest figures show that conditions are improving gradually. Parliament has made substantial provision for unemployment benefit; more than one million houses have been built in England and Wales since the Armistice, and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress has agreed to meet a representative body of employers in conference with a view to the conclusion of an industrial truce. Furthermore, on account of the grave distress in the mining districts, a board is being appointed to arrange for the transfer of workless men from one area to another. In spite of the heavy unemployment lists, Britain has good reason to be satisfied with her progress since the war. No other country in Europe—with the possible exception of Italy—has suffered so severely through labour disputes. No other country has felt such a heavy drain on its exchequer—for England has been paying her debts—and no other country has maintained its economic and financial position with such success. The achievements of the British people since the war have been second only to their great effort in that titanic struggle.

The foreign situation, as reviewed by His Majesty, on the whole is good. Much progress has been made by the League of Nations, which is extending its influence every day. Unfortunately, the most important conference of the year—the Naval Conference at Geneva—has been a failure. The King makes no secret of his disappointment at its negative results. He declares that his Government "put forward proposals for the future limitation of armaments, which, if accepted, would have led to substantial reductions in naval strengths and costs." These proposals were not acceptable to the representatives of the United States, and the whole movement towards naval disarmament collapsed. In spite of this temporary failure, however, His Majesty assures the people that now, as in the past, the size of Britain's Navy will be based solely on "a considered view of the defensive needs" of the Empire. This announcement is of particular interest in the light of the building programme that has been adopted by the United States. With almost unlimited funds at its disposal, the Washington Government has decided to build the greatest fleet that the world ever has known. Every Briton will rejoice that the King has made the Empire's position clear. It will not be drawn into a race for maritime supremacy.

Many people have been alarmed—as we think, without cause—by the decision of the Washington Government to build more ships. Every Briton regards the Navy as a vital necessity, whereas the average American citizen regards his fleet as a luxurious toy. So much money has been amassed by the United States that Government and people alike are looking round for something on which to spend their surplus cash; and the fact that the creation of a big Navy has been chosen as an easy method to get rid of money ought to frighten nobody. Britain needs warships for a definite purpose. She must protect her seaborne trade and must police the seas of the Empire. The United States desires a Navy in order, apparently, to prove to the world that it is Britain's equal on the sea. No sane man can object to that little vanity. Nations, like human beings, have their weak points; and, if the Americans wish to have the biggest fleet in existence, just as they have the highest building, the longest river and the most money, they have a perfect right to indulge their whim. Of course, the matter has a serious aspect. Other nations may not regard the American building programme with British complacency, and, if a competition starts, there may be trouble. For that reason we hope that the suggestion which is implicit in His Majesty's Speech—namely, that there shall be a resumption of the Geneva negotiations at an early date—will not be ignored in Washington.

The Church Crisis.

A week ago the House of Commons rejected the new Prayer-book—the work of twenty years and the Church Assembly's eirenicon for the Church of England's bitter and scandalous dissensions. Shocked, but not broken, by the blow, the veteran Archbishop of Canterbury has taken counsel with his colleagues of the Bench; and they have reached decisions which are published to-day. In official language the statement would be called an interim report. The bishops' conferences on the Church's grave crisis (the adjective is their own) have been adjourned till the 11th January, and such constructive proposals as they may evolve will be submitted, a month later, to the Church Assembly and to Convocations. This statement is definite, however, on the main point of policy. The bishops refuse either to surrender to despair or to defy the will of Parliament: they recognise that the House of Commons, in rejecting the Prayer-book measure, was within its rights. On the other hand, they do not regard its vote as final, since they believe that the House was "influenced by certain avoidable misunderstandings." Accordingly they have decided "to reintroduce the measure into the Church Assembly as soon as possible, with such changes—and such changes only—as may tend to remove misapprehensions, and to make clearer and more explicit its intentions and limitations." Thus it appears that, if the Assembly is able to ratify the proposed changes in a single session, the revised measure may be presented to Parliament during the summer or autumn of next year.

The bishops beg that in the meanwhile the Church's difficulties shall not be aggravated by renewed controversy. They ask opponents of the defeated measure to call a truce—a request which Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the protagonist of opposition, readily has accepted. Clergymen who practise usages which the Deposited Book would forbid are asked to abandon such usages. In his letter to *The Times* the Earl of Birkenhead declared: "Every clergyman now knows that in practice he can with impunity employ the revised Prayer-book. Every clergyman, who wishes to, will, in my judgment, be wise in doing so." To this intemperate counsel the bishops administer a direct rebuke. "With all the authority," they say, "which belongs to our office, we ask that until the Deposited Book is fully authorised by the Church no one shall avail himself of its provisions so as to make changes in the accustomed order of Services, or to introduce usages which would have been sanctioned by it." On one point—unfortunately, as we think—the bishops' statement is silent. The House of Commons rejected the Prayer-book measure for two reasons. It held that the measure not only impaired the Church's Protestant character, but contained no guarantee for the enforcement of obedience on rebellious clergy. As Sir John Marriott, M.P., says, "the assurance, however emphatic or sincere, of bishops, who are here to-day, but may be gone to-morrow, was not accepted as a substitute for legislation." Will the measure which emerges from the coming deliberations of the Church Assembly contain, along with changes "to remove misapprehensions," provisions that will restore discipline to the Church's ranks? We fear that a measure which lacks such provisions may share its predecessor's fate. In any case the House of Commons and the country will have the benefit of a useful object-lesson during the next few months. If the bishops' present appeal for the abandonment of illegal or even premature usages is treated with contempt, Parliament's duty as the guardian of the Church's doctrine and government will become wholly clear.

Forestry in Ulster.

We remember that noble waterway, lined by railroad, from the mouth of Carlingford Lough to Newry in days when the journey would be made through a glory of woodland. Many slopes devastated of trees there tell a story that is true of all Northern Ireland. The Chief Forest Officer of the Government of Northern Ireland, writing in the *Scottish Forestry Journal*, tells how estates sold to tenants under the Land Acts have been cleared of timber and how demesnes have been stripped. To-day the wooded area in the Six Counties is but 1.2 *per cent.* of the whole—a smaller proportion than even that in the Free State. Conifers find the readiest market and are most quickly grown. Accordingly, virtually all woods under forty years of age are stocked with conifers, to the exclusion of hardwoods. "It is to be regretted, therefore, that, after the present mature hardwoods have been cut, there will be no growing stock to take their place." There are some 550,000 acres of hill grazing and rough pasture lands in Northern Ireland, and it is estimated that of this area 10 *per cent.* could be planted in blocks with conifers without injury to agricultural interests. Since 1922 the Northern Ministry of Agriculture has controlled forestry operations. An average of 300 acres was planted every year until 1926, and in the planting season of 1926-27 a total area of 500 acres was planted. A Commission on the Natural and Industrial Resources of Northern Ireland, which sat in 1923, recommended that power should be given to the Ministry to accelerate and extend the forestry programme; that grants should be made to corporate bodies and private owners for planting and scrub clearing, and that small farmers and others should be supplied at cost price with plants. These recommendations were adopted, and they are being put into effect with as much speed as circumstances allow. Among difficulties is the fact that private planting, in Northern Ireland as in the Free State, has fallen off, and it is not anticipated that there will be a large response by private planters for some years to come. Ultimately it is hoped to induce farmers to plant areas of waste land, of which patches, ranging from half an acre to over ten acres, exist on most Northern holdings. The mild, moist climate favours conifers. In County Down pines thrive, but outside that county spruces are likely to predominate. Douglas fir grows well in the North, but larch is seldom grown in satisfactory crops owing to the prevalence of larch canker disease.

Dwindling Gold.

Italy's reversion to the gold standard will intensify the demand for that metal and accentuate its scarcity. The annual report of the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint declares that, "unless we are prepared to face a prolonged fall in commodity prices, it is imperative to economise gold, both in regard to its use as a commodity and to its use as money." Unless new fields containing large gold deposits are discovered, the world's stock will not meet the demands made upon it. Production is increasingly hampered by the growing cost of labour and working expenses, precisely at the time when the lodes are becoming more and more difficult of access. In Canada the output, however, has increased rapidly in recent years, and the Dominion promises soon to surpass the United States and to become the world's largest gold producer. The Australian supply, on the other hand, is dwindling rapidly towards vanishing point. Relief to the stringency of gold supply has come from a curious quarter. Aviation has rendered gold more mobile. The increasing tendency to transport gold by air has reduced the interest involved where long journeys have to be made. It is thought, also, that the reduction in cost of transport brought about by aviation may bring a revival of prosperity to remote goldfields where the supply has shrunk. "It may well be that in the future the international gold exchange will be served by gold in bars instead of in coin."

OBITUARY.

THE DOWAGER LADY HALSBURY.

The Dowager Countess of Halsbury, whose husband was Lord Chancellor from 1885 to 1886, from 1886 to 1892, and from 1895 to 1905, died at her London house yesterday after a very short illness. The Earl of Halsbury and other members of the family were present. Lady Halsbury, the late Lord Halsbury's second wife, was a daughter of Mr. Henry Woodfall. She married the first Earl of Halsbury in 1874.

SIR MACKENZIE CHALMERS.

The Times regrets to announce that Sir Mackenzie Chalmers, who had served the State in various capacities with great distinction, died yesterday at the age of 80. He had been seriously ill at his home at Wimbledon for some weeks past, and was recently moved to a nursing home, where an operation was performed.

Mackenzie Dalzell Chalmers was the son of the Rev. F. S. C. Chalmers, D.D., Vicar of Nonington, Kent, and was born on February 7, 1847. He was educated at King's College, London, and Trinity College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1868. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1869, and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple the same year.

After serving in India for three years he retired, returned to England in 1872, and began to practise. He was appointed Standing Counsel to the Board of Trade, and had much to do with the reform and consolidation of the Law of Bankruptcy, the results of which took shape later in the Act of 1883.

CAPTAIN T. J. BURROUGHS.

Captain T. J. Burroughs, late of the Royal Irish Rifles, died at his residence, Benvenue, Greenisland, County Antrim, on Wednesday last. Captain Burroughs, as a young man, served with the Imperial Yeomanry in the South African War. Afterwards he entered business. Soon after the outbreak of the Great War, however, he joined the Ulster Division, and was appointed a captain in the 13th Royal Irish Rifles (County Down Regiment), with which he served for a time in France. Captain Burroughs never recovered from the strain of his war service.

WEST COAST DISASTER (RELIEF) FUND.

LIST TO BE CLOSED ON 31ST DECEMBER.

The Committee of the West Coast Disaster (Relief) Fund, at a meeting held on the 21st instant, decided, in view of the generous response made to the appeal on behalf of the dependents of the victims of the disastrous storm of October 28th last, to close the subscription list on the 31st instant.

The Committee will feel obliged if intending subscribers or those who have money on hands as a result of entertainments held for the benefit of the Fund will kindly send it on before that date.

Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of Athlone Military District		£81 19 6
Per "The Connacht Tribune": Priests and people of Castlegar Parish (per the Rev. N. O'Fegan, P.P.)	£20 10 0	
Mr. John O'Feeney Ford, President, Motion Picture Directors' Association of America (per J. G. McGee, 1525 N. Western avenue, Hollywood, Cal.	50 dollars.	
Proceeds of dance held at Oughterard, under the auspices of the Oughterard Football Club (per S. McGuire)	4 4 0	
Mr. Edward O'Fearna, 9019 Vista Granda street, Sherman, California	10 dollars.	—36 18 0
Per Very Rev. M. F. Quinn, P.P.: Sisters of St. Louis, Monaghan	£10 0 0	
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Sisters of St. Louis, Ballymena	2 0 0	
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Balbriggan Town Commissioners—Copper Collection, per W. F. Cumiskey, Chairman		17 3 3
Proceeds of Whist Drive, organised by some Western women (per Linda Kearns)		9 9 0
Proceeds of Dance held in Spiddal (per Sergeant Colhoun)		3 0 0
Head Office Staff of Revenue Commissioners' Department (2nd Sub.)		4 4 6
Mr. J. Adamson, St. Gerard's, Pantasaph, N. Wales		2 2 0
A Client of the Sacred Heart, Blackpool		0 10 0
Per Malahide Relief Fund: Anon.	£0 5 0	
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Miss Doherty and Miss McCann, G.N.R. Station, Drogheda, 5/- each (per P. J. Carroll, Mayor)		0 10 0

NEW JUNIOR LORD OF THE TREASURY.

I understand, says the Press Association's Lobby Correspondent, that Captain George E. W. Bowyer, M.C., who has been an Assistant Government Whip since the formation of the present Government, has been appointed a Junior Lord of the Treasury (unpaid), in the place of Lord Stanley, who resigned recently on taking up an official position at the Conservative Party Headquarters. Captain Bowyer, who represents Buckingham, is one of the younger Conservative members, and is very popular with all parties in the House.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King and Queen, with the members of the Court, left Buckingham Palace yesterday for Sandringham, where the Duke and Duchess of York will join them to-day.

The Prince of Wales is expected at Sandringham to-morrow, and will return to London early next week. Prince George will join Their Majesties before Christmas Day. Princess Mary and her sons will spend New Year's Day with the Royal Family, and will probably remain for some days in Norfolk.

Princess Beatrice is remaining at Kensington Palace at present. To-day she will visit the St. Marylebone Baths, and will distribute the parcels of Christmas fare which have been supplied by the Church Army for the very poor.

The King and Queen of Afghanistan are expected to arrive in Cairo on Christmas Day, and will occupy a villa prepared for them by the Egyptian Government.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry are spending Christmas at Wynyard Park, where they are entertaining a house party. Yesterday Lord Londonderry addressed a large meeting at Dawdon, Seaham Harbour, which was organised by the National Conservative League. The Marquis and Marchioness of Bute and their family are in residence at Cardiff Castle, where they will spend some weeks. The Marchioness of Huntly left London yesterday for Peterborough, and joined the Marquis of Huntly at Orton Longueville, where they will have a large party for Christmas.

Lord and Lady Brownlow, who returned from their honeymoon recently, are now in residence at Capesthorne Hall, Cheshire. The Hon. Brinsley and Mrs. Plunket are in Cairo, and are staying at the Semiramis Hotel.

The Countess of Bandon, Mary Countess of Gainsborough, Victoria Lady Carbery, Mary Lady Carbery, the Hon. Sybil Hamilton, Lord and Lady Oranmore and Browne, Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. John Gretton and Major and the Hon. Mrs. Cecil Pelham were among the Irish guests at the wedding of Commander Boyle and Miss Evans-Freke, which took place on Wednesday at Bisbrooke, Rutlandshire.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hermon have returned to Necarne Castle, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh, after their honeymoon, and are entertaining a shooting party.

Mrs. Jeffers has left 202 Great Brunswick street for one week.

Christmas would not be Christmas in the true sense without a visit to Switzers. Little time now remains for shopping, but the endless variety of Gifts at Switzers, of Grafton street, still affords unlimited scope for careful choosing. ('Phone 4651.)

Lovely Frocks for Christmas Festivities. Model Gowns, beautifully beaded, Diamanté and Crystal Exceptional value.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 Sth. Gt. George's st.

Christmas Gifts—Gloves, the favourite gift of all. What more satisfactory solution to the problem of gift-giving? Fur-back Furtrimmed Washable Chamois, Doeskin, Degrain, Glace, and Suede-lined.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Christmas Festivities — Salthill Hotel, Monkstown — Christmas Day Gala Dinner and Concert, 7 to 11 p.m. Gala Dinner Dances, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve. Book your tables now. Telegrams—Saltotel, Blackrock. 'Phones.—189 and 190 Dunleary.

Faint pink taffetas evening gown, bouffant hips with clusters of red roses, for 4½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS IN ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Mrs. O. S. Baker and family, H. A. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Robbe, D. Wilmer, Mrs. A. K. Pirrell, M. J. O'Rourke, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Yonge, K. Kaye Parry, Mrs. R. I. Dickinson, E. D. O'Kelly, Austin Clarke, William Barrington.

Departures:—Sir W. I. de C. Wheeler, Miss E. H. Wilson, C. P. Ball, R. A. Gaspard, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCowen, John J. Molloy, D.J.; Mrs. Molloy, J. G. Green, I. A. Hewson, I. H. Prescott, J. Kennedy.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Arrivals—J. W. Chaytor, E. Lambert Barret, Dr. E. Creaser, Miss P. McDonnell, Mrs. K. O'Byrne, Mrs. M. Smyth, Miss J. Leonard Russell, J. Buckley.

Departures—E. Morris, L. Day, W. M. Doran, E. B. Keating, J. Somerville, T. Stubbs, Captain N. E. Drury, T. Dempster.

Christmas Shopping—McBirney and Co., Ltd., Aston's quay. Bazaar and Christmas Toy Fair. Wonderful show of Toys and Games. Restaurant and Tea Lounge. Orchestra plays from 3.30 to 6 o'clock.

For Useful Christmas Presents try Millar and Beatty's, Grafton street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—From Observations at 6 p.m. Greenwich Mean Time—The large complex depression over the British Isles is spreading eastward, while the original centre off the West of Ireland is filling up. Further rain will occur in most districts, especially in Southern England and in the South and the East of Scotland. The temperature will continue high in the South, but in Scotland it will be rather low, with sleet or snow locally.

North-West Ireland.—Wind north-east, fresh or strong; rain at times; moderate temperature.

North-East, South-East, and South-West Ireland.—Wind variable or north-east, mainly light or moderate; occasional rain or showers; sunny periods in places; local mist or fog; rather mild.

South-West Seaboard, Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Wind variable; light local rain; local coastal fog; sea moderate to slight.

North-West Seaboard.—Wind east to north-east, strong, approaching a gale locally; some rain and mist; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer: Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain, m.m.	Sun hour
17	30.464	36.2	38	36	33	S.E.	—	0.1
18	30.336	33.1	37	33	30	E.	Trace	—
19	30.014	32.0	34	31	29	E.	—	0.9
20	29.536	37.8	38	31	28	E.	4.3	—
21	29.178	48.7	52	37	32	S.	2.8	0.8
22	28.550	48.4	53	46	44	E.	20.2	—

THE SUN.

To-day.... Rises	8.39	Sets	4. 9
To-morrow.. „	8.39	„	4. 9
Lighting-up Time			5. 9

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

To-day..... Morning	10.55	Afternoon	11.13
To-morrow.. „	11.31	„	11.50

MARRIAGE OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CRITCHLEY.

GREYHOUND AS MASCOT.

Brigadier-General A. C. Critchley, D.S.O., managing director of the Greyhound Racing Association, was married at the Prince's Row Register Office, Westminster, yesterday, to Miss Joan Foster, of Mount street, London, W.

The wedding was very quiet, the only people present, in addition to the bride and bridegroom, being Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Foster, the bride's stepfather and mother; Mr. Frank Gentle, son of Sir William Gentle, and a woman friend.

The bridegroom was shown in the register as being the son of Oswald A. Critchley, and the former husband of Maryon Critchley, formerly Galt. His age was given as 37. The bride was described as Joan Kathleen Welsh Lee, otherwise Foster, spinster, and her age as 19. The witnesses were the bride's mother and her stepfather.

The bride wore a Wedgwood blue coat; a blue felt hat, and a grey fur. She had a spray of orchids. Brigadier-General Critchley wore a navy blue suit, a blue overcoat, and a bowler hat, and carried a walking stick.

After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom motored to Victoria, where they caught the 10.50 boat train to Cannes. A miniature greyhound mascot was on the radiator of the car.

NEW WORLD ALTITUDE "RECORD" CLAIMED.

TURIN, Thursday.

In an officially supervised flight to-day the Italian airman Donati reached a height of 38,802 feet. This is claimed to be a world "record."—(Reuter.)

LONDON LETTER.

THE PROROGATION.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

Very little time was lost in disposing of the necessary business in the Houses of Parliament this morning; for both Houses met at eleven, and there was a Royal Commission in the Lords at half-past twelve. The latter was for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to a number of Acts and for the reading of the King's Speech. In the House of Commons there were thirty-five questions on the Order Paper, but most of them were passed over in the absence of the hon. members concerned. It was twenty-five minutes past twelve when Black Rod appeared at the doors of the Chamber with a message from the Upper House requesting "this honourable House" to attend the Lords for the purpose of hearing the Royal Assent given by Commission to certain Acts. This ceremony occupied but a very few moments; and then the Lord Chancellor read the King's Speech and announced the prorogation of Parliament until February 7th next. Upon the Speaker's return to the Commons, members filed past the chair to give a parting handshake to Mr. Whitley and to wish him the compliments of the season.

The Naval Programme.

The most notable paragraph in the King's Speech was that adverting to the failure of the Geneva Conference on Naval Disarmament. The paragraph remarked upon a "temporary failure," and went on to say that the Government had no intention of embarking upon an increase of its naval building programme, which was based upon a considered view of the defensive needs of the King's widespread Empire. It was thought that this paragraph was intended for consumption in the United States, particularly in view of the recent decision of the United States Government to increase its naval forces. It does, in fact, provide a loop-hole for the resumption of negotiations whenever opportunity may occur, and, from this point of view, may be regarded favourably in the United States.

Doctors and Dentists.

The Royal Assent was given to-day to the Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment Bill, which was considered in Committee of the whole House of Commons last night, reported without amendment, read a third time and passed. The bill was introduced in the House of Lords, so that on its return to-day there was no necessity for reconsideration. The object of the measure is to implement an arrangement whereby doctors and dentists in the Irish Free State are placed on an equal footing with their British colleagues.

Princess Elizabeth.

Princess Elizabeth, who went down to Sandringham this morning with the King and Queen and the Duke and Duchess of York, had a delightful surprise on arrival at King's Cross; for the railway directors had prepared a special saloon for her amusement. The cushions were covered with printed chintz with pictured stories from fairy tales, while the floor was covered with a picture rug. The sides of the saloon were adorned with bunches of holly, with silver strands reaching to the centre of the roof, where they were caught by a huge Christmas cracker.

Wembley's Loss.

The liquidators of the British Empire Exhibition, held at Wembley in 1924, have been able to give the guarantors a very nice Christmas box; for after delay caused by the death of Mr. James White, which was followed by complications, they have completed the sale of the freehold property and the settlement of all other outstanding accounts. They state that not only will it be unnecessary to call for payment of the final instalment of two shillings and sixpence in the pound in respect of the deficiency undertakings, but that, as a result of reductions which they have been successful in effecting in the settlement of claims, they are in a position to make a refund to the subscribers at the rate of 9.2d. in the pound upon the amount of their undertakings. In plain figures this means that a sum of nearly £86,000 has been returned to the guarantors, and that they will not have to make the further payment of two shillings and sixpence in the pound, as expected.

Greyhound Racing.

The warning given by Sir William Joynson-Hicks last night that restrictive legislation might be considered by the Government in regard to greyhound racing companies was followed by a slump in the shares of the leading companies on the Stock Exchange to-day. The difference between the first quotation to-day and the price of last night was in some cases as much as 30 *per cent.*, though there was a recovery in the course of the afternoon. There are just over one hundred greyhound racecourse companies registered with a total capital of about three million pounds, while a number of further flotations are in preparation. In the City it was remarked to-day that the Home Secretary must have been considering the question for some time, and should have issued his warning before if he desired to prevent large sums of money from being invested in greyhound companies, as it was now too late to prevent investors from losing their money. The parliamentary agitation against dog racing is to be carried on during the recess, and much is likely to be heard of the subject in the course of next session.

Restrictive Legislation.

This definite attack on greyhound racing is not likely to be pursued without opposition, and this morning there was some talk among the few members in the Lobby of organising against Government interference. It was suggested that, if action is to be taken against racing with electric hares, coursing ought not to be exempt. The very definite views expressed by the Home Secretary have come as a bombshell to the greyhound racing world, and many protests will be forthcoming in the course of the next few days. Sir Louis Dane, the Chairman of the West Ham Greyhound Racecourse, remarked to-day that, if the Government proposed to introduce restrictive legislation, it should have given notice a long time ago, and he was certain that any attempt to restrict greyhound racing would be looked on as class legislation.

The Price of Turkeys.

The change in the weather has played havoc with the prices of turkeys and poultry generally, and to-day they continued to fall almost hourly. Great stocks were purchased on the assumption that the frost would last, and that prices would be maintained, but to-day dealers stated that they are losing something like threepence a pound on every turkey sold. Small turkeys were one shilling per pound, and those of a larger size one shilling and threepence. One dealer at Smithfield has placed six hundred cases in cold storage, because he realises that he will have little chance of selling them at a reasonable price before Saturday night. In spite of this glut of birds further supplies are pouring into the market day and night, and, should the present weather continue, turkeys probably will be cheaper on Christmas Eve than they ever have been.

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA.

SOFIA, Thursday.

A rumour having been circulated in the capital yesterday that King Boris had been the object of a fresh attack by bandits during a motor tour in the provinces, a categorical denial is issued from authoritative quarters here, in which it is pointed out that His Majesty has not left the Palace here for several days.—(Reuter.)

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FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

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MEASURE TO BE REINTRODUCED IN THE CHURCH ASSEMBLY.

BISHOPS TO MEET AGAIN.

ARCHBISHOPS' APPEAL FOR TRUCE: NEW PROPOSALS IN FEBRUARY.

THE Revised Prayer Book measure is to be re-introduced into the Church Assembly as soon as possible, with such changes "as may tend to remove misapprehensions, and make clearer and more explicit its intentions and limitations."

A statement to this effect was issued last night by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, who believe that "the recent decision of the House of Commons was influenced by certain avoidable misunderstandings . . . and we cannot therefore take the responsibility of accepting as final the vote on December 15."

TEXT OF THE STATEMENT.

A New Tide Moving in the Church of England: New Services Not to be Used.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued the following statement last night:—

The rejection of the Prayer-book measure by a vote of the House of Commons has brought about a position of difficulty and anxiety in the life of the Church and nation. While exaggeration must be avoided—and there is certainly no ground for panic—it cannot be denied that the crisis is grave. It lays upon the bishops a heavy burden of responsibility. The Church is entitled to look to them for counsel and guidance.

For two days the Diocesan Bishops have met at Lambeth, and we can record with thankfulness that the unity which marked our long deliberations during the last two years has been maintained. It is impossible within a few days of the vote of the House of Commons to take a just measure of its significance and to determine the obligations which it imposes on the Church.

TO MEET ON JANUARY 11th.

We have, therefore, found it necessary to adjourn till January 11th, in order that we may have further time for thought and prayer. When the Church Assembly and the Convocations meet in February we hope to present our considered proposals.

Some word, however, of counsel and reassurance must at once be spoken. Accordingly, with the consent of the bishops, and after full consultation with them, we address this message to the Church.

It was within the right of the House of Commons to reject the measure. On the other hand, mere acquiescence in its decision would be, in our judgment, inconsistent with the responsibilities of the Church as a spiritual society.

The bishops fully recognise that there are circumstances in which it would be their duty to take action in accordance with the Church's inherent spiritual authority. We realise this duty, and are ready, if need be, to fulfil it. But we believe that the recent decision of the House of Commons was influenced by certain avoidable misunderstandings as to the character of the proposals before it, and we cannot, therefore, take the responsibility of accepting as final the vote on December 15th.

SOME CHANGES.

The House of Bishops has accordingly resolved to reintroduce the measure into the Church Assembly as soon as possible, with such changes—and such changes only—as may tend to remove misapprehensions, and to make clearer and more explicit its intentions and limitations. For the meantime, we make a most earnest appeal to the whole Church for that corporate loyalty by which alone it can meet the dangers and rise to the opportunities of this critical time.

With all the authority which belongs to our office, we ask that until the deposited book is fully authorised by the Church no one shall avail himself of its provisions so as to make changes in the accustomed order of Services, or to introduce usages which would have been sanctioned by it.

If any of the clergy have adopted usages, which it would forbid, we ask them to be willing henceforth to discontinue such usages for the sake of the peace and the unity of the Church.

"NO HASTY WORDS."

We make bold to believe that our fellow-Churchmen who have conscientiously opposed the measure will do or say nothing now to increase our difficulties. At a time when, in a special degree, the well-being of the Church in this land for many generations may depend on the things we do, or refrain from doing, it is clear that self-restraint and self-sacrifice will be the truest proofs of loyalty and calmness, the highest form of courage.

During the holy season of Christmas let no hasty words or acts disturb its peace. Let the voices of controversy be hushed. Let us enter upon a new year, fraught with issues so grave, in the spirit of united prayer. In these happenings God must have some purpose for His Church. May we have humility and faith to discern it; strength and steadfastness to obey it.

We believe that these very anxieties have set in new tide moving within the Church of England of eager and generous devotion. Let it raise and bear along with it a new love of loyalty as a thing in itself true and beautiful; a new care for unity, and a new constraint of charity within the fellowship of Christ; a new zeal in the Service of His Kingdom at home and abroad.

Then this tide may prove to be a means which God will use to cleanse and defend His Church.

RANDALL CANTUAR.
COSMO EBOR.
Lambeth, December 22nd, 1927.

A WISE DECISION.

VIEW OF SIR WILLIAM JOYNSON-HICKS.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, M.P., who led the opposition to the deposited Prayer-book in the House of Commons, made the following statement to a Press Association representative last night:—

"I have read with deepest interest and with considerable happiness the statement just issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

"It would be impossible to expect that the bishops should immediately acquiesce in the decision of the House of Commons, and, with all respect, I think they could not have come to a wiser decision than to adjourn the matter, as they have done, until January 11th, to give time to the whole Church for further thought and prayer.

"I accept in the fullest degree the appeal of the bishops to say and do nothing during the intervening period which would add to the division between the two parties in the Church.

"I gratefully acknowledge their action in desiring the extremer clergy to discontinue any usages which are not fully authorised by the Book of Common Prayer for the sake of peace and unity.

"What the future will be it is impossible to say. It depends very largely on the further consideration which the bishops may take and the nature of the alterations which they propose to make in the deposited book.

"I associate myself to the full with their request for the exercise of Christian charity and fellowship, and join in their hope that the trouble which has arisen will eventuate for the good of the Church and Christianity."

A MOMENTOUS CHOICE.

DEAN INGE'S COMMENT.

Writing in the *Evening Standard*, Dean Inge, of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, says he thinks that the Church Assembly have brought the defeat upon themselves. He adds:—

"Happily for us, Rome will accept no terms except abject submission, but it ought to be stated plainly that a very large body of Anglicans would refuse all and any terms of reconciliation. This the bishops, or the majority of them, seem not to realise.

"The momentous choice lies before us whether we shall aim at being the acknowledged leaders of the Reformed Faith in this country, attracting in increasing measure the respect, confidence, and co-operation of the other British Churches which are avowedly Protestant, or whether we shall follow the other road, which can only lead to our ultimate absorption by the great Latin Church.

"The next generation may, perhaps, decide this question, and with it the fate of that venerable Institution which has held so great a position in the life and history of England."

"MODIFICATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE."

The Church of England newspaper, *The Guardian*, says:—"We think that the House of Commons was wrong in its view of what the book implies, that it was led to act without due consideration, and that the vote does not represent the balance of opinion in this country. Those of us who believe that the existence of an Established Church has been to the national advantage must agree that the House of Commons acted perfectly within its rights. But the less talk at the moment of Disestablishment the better.

"We believe that a measure slightly modified so as to remove genuine misunderstandings would, if it were introduced, find a very different reception."

MYSTERY OF A RUM-RUNNER.

ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK BY RIVAL.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

HELSINGFORS, Thursday.

The authorities have only just been informed of the mysterious disappearance off the Finnish coast, evidently due to foul play, some weeks ago, of an Esthonian vessel, reputed to have been used for smuggling purposes.

It would appear that those trading in this vessel were able to sell alcohol cheaper than a Finnish smuggler operating in the same district. A quarrel arose between the rivals, and one night the Finnish vessel rammed the Esthonian, which sank immediately, the crew being left to their fate.

They were eventually rescued by a British steamer. The vessel rammed and sunk is believed to be the Alexandra Elizabeth, a vessel which has been missing since August. The Esthonian Government is making inquiries.

"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH" SOLD.

SIR WILLIAM BERRY THE NEW OWNER.

The Press Association is authorised to announce that the proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph*, of whom Lord Burnham is principal, have made arrangements for disposing of the *Daily Telegraph* and its subsidiary interests to Sir William Berry, Mr. Gomer Berry, and Sir Edward Iliffe.

The new proprietors are acquiring the *Daily Telegraph* for joint personal ownership, and will assume entire control as from January 1st.

This date has been fixed in view of Lord Burnham's departure for India on the new Indian Statutory Commission. No change in the political policy of the paper is involved in the transfer of ownership.

Lord Burnham is confident that the traditions and standards of the journal, which has belonged to his family for three generations, will be fully maintained by its new proprietors.

SILENT VALLEY PROBLEM.

ENGINEERS FIND A SOLUTION.

WORK THAT WILL COST £1,350,000.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Thursday.

A statement issued late this evening by the Belfast Water Commissioners shows that the engineers have at last found rock foundation for the dam of the reservoir in the Silent Valley. The Commissioners are naturally elated at this discovery, and took the public into their confidence at the earliest moment.

The task has been long, heavy and dispiriting. Many disappointments were experienced. Shifting sand-drifts and water were encountered, but the genius of the special board of engineers has finally overcome all difficulties and made it feasible for the dam to be built. The only consideration now is the question of expense.

It is stated that the existing designs will require to be substantially modified, both from a technical and economic point of view, and that the scheme will cost £1,350,000, instead of £983,250, the original contract price.

The report has yet to be considered by the Commissioners, and it is suggested by the engineers that the permanent work should be commenced as soon as possible.

SEARCH FOR FOUNDATION.

The Water Commissioners' plan is to construct a dam which will turn the Silent Valley, in the Mourne Mountains, into a lake for the provision of a water supply for Belfast. When the work had been in progress for three years differences arose between the Commissioners and the contractors, and arbitration proceedings were instituted.

From these it appeared that, up to that time, it had proved impossible to find an adequate foundation for the dam, and it was feared by the public that the sum expended (£640,000) might prove to have been wasted.

It was decided that a board of engineers should examine the position, make further trial borings and report to the Board. It is this report which is now issued. It details at length the procedure adopted by the engineers, and proceeds:—

"The result of the preliminary investigations so far made leads to the conclusion that it is possible by an extension of the system hitherto adopted to sink a trench for the foundations of the central core of the embankment down through the drift into the rock, and to such a depth therein as the circumstances, when disclosed, necessitate. The construction of a reservoir on the site contemplated becomes accordingly a feasible undertaking, the principal point now remaining to be dealt with being that of expense.

DESIGN MUST BE ALTERED.

"The design of the work hitherto before us will require substantial modification both from a technical and economic standpoint. The drawings embodying these alterations have not yet been prepared, but we have a definite design in mind which, at current prices, is likely to involve a total outlay for the provision of the whole of the work contemplated in the reservoir foreshadowed of about £1,350,000, including £640,000 already expended, as compared with the original contract sum, amounting to £983,250.

"We have in the foregoing summary laid before the Commissioners the main considerations bearing on the subject of the provision of a reservoir in the Silent Valley, and we await their decision as to whether or not they will proceed with the work which we have outlined.

BEGIN AT ONCE.

"If that decision is favourable we would earnestly recommend them to issue instructions forthwith authorising the excavation at once of the trench for the foundation of the central core of the dam, including the sinking of the shafts in connection with, and forming an integral part of, that trench. While these operations are in progress the detailed drawings for the remainder of the work will be prepared.

"No good purpose would now be served by delay, which, on the contrary, would be positively detrimental at the present juncture, and the sooner this part of the permanent undertaking is started the greater the resultant economy likely to accrue."

The report is signed by the three members of the Board of Engineers—Mr. H. P. Hill, M.Inst.C.E.; Mr. Edward Sandeman, M.Inst.C.E., and Mr. W. J. Binnie, M.Inst.C.E. The last-mentioned gentleman, it may be recalled, was the arbitrator who presided over the arbitration proceedings at Newcastle, one of the outcomes of which was that the contract of Messrs. S. Pearson and Sons (Contracting Department), Ltd., for the construction of the reservoir was relinquished and rescinded.

MEDICAL ACT.

ROYAL ASSENT GIVEN YESTERDAY.

In the House of Lords yesterday the Royal assent was given to the Medical and Dentists Acts (Amendment) Act.

The Act is complementary to legislation that has been passed by the Oireachtas, and makes effective the agreement reached by representatives of Great Britain, the Free State and Northern Ireland concerning the registration and control of medical practitioners and doctors.

"WILL ASTONISH THE WORLD."

"I have always preached peace, and I am delighted in the last few days to have seen in the newspapers the suggestions of Sir Alfred Mond," said Lord Londonderry speaking at Dawdon, Durham, last night.

Lord Londonderry said that he felt sure that nothing but good could come from the proposed industrial peace conference. When they could get a real understanding between employers and employed they would make progress which would astonish the world.

JANZE-DE TRAFFORD CASE.

COUNTESS TO BE TRIED TO-DAY.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

The trial of the Countess de Janze (née Alice Silverthorne, of Chicago) comes up in the Paris Correctional Court to-morrow afternoon. The charge is one of assault and battery. Only about half a dozen witnesses will be called, and one hearing, doubtless, will suffice. The trial arises out of the affair at the Gare du Nord on last March 26, when she and Mr. Raymond Vincent de Trafford were found lying shot in a railway carriage. The Countess subsequently admitted that she had fired at Mr. de Trafford and then turned the weapon on herself.

MYSTERIOUS AEROPLANES.

SUSPECTED OPIUM SMUGGLING.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Thursday.

Two strange aeroplanes are reported to have been seen flying in the vicinity of Broome, Western Australia.

It is suggested that opium smugglers are resorting to a new method of landing supplies. —(Reuter.)

LATE NEWS.

REVISE AND REVIVE

CHURCH AND PRAYER BOOK.

The Times observes in an editorial article:—Confronted by general bewilderment at the shipwreck of their hopes, and by many competing counsels, the leaders of the Church have shown both wisdom and courage in setting their course afresh. There are three qualities in the Archbishops' statement this morning which deserve admiration and respect. It is prompt, where delay would have been intelligible, but might have been disastrous. It shows a proper spirit of self-respect in declining to accept as final the verdict of a single day's debate in the House of Commons, much of it ill-informed, and little of it worthy of the subject or of the occasion. On the other hand, it recognises the strength of the popular instinct—for it was instinct rather than argument—which was revealed in the division list, and acknowledges that an ecclesiastical compromise clearly understood by those who had reached it themselves with so much laborious good-will may yet present points of suspicion and difficulty to those who survey it for the first time from outside. It must seem an amazing thing to most of us that a large number of members of the House of Commons should positively take a pride in having heard last week's debate with an "open mind." There are well-known cases of men who changed their intended vote, and sometimes changed it more than once, as the discussion went on from afternoon to evening. Those honest fluctuations of opinion were admittedly the consequence of what was said in the House that day, not necessarily of the rights and wrongs of the question at issue, which the archbishops may well have felt themselves far better qualified to expound than any of the protagonists of the measure on the floor below. But it would be a mistake to refuse for that reason to take them into account or to forget that an impression created by whatever mismanagement on the House of Commons is likely to be repeated in the case of a larger public.

There is no doubt whatever that the bishops are right in their view that the measure should be given a second hearing at the earliest possible moment. There is equally no doubt that it should first be revised by the Church itself in the light of the debate, and with the object of removing unsuspected misunderstandings. To the Primate, in particular, who has won for his high office a position of influence unequalled by any of his predecessors, there has come forth at last in the hour of his disappointment abundant evidence of the deep respect and affection with which he is regarded by the whole people of England. The bishops will approach their task with the greater prospect of success if they refuse resolutely to dissipate this atmosphere of sympathy by premature commitments. The crucial dates ahead of them—the resumption of their own deliberations in January, the meeting of the National Assembly in February—are definitely fixed. There is no risk, even if their present statement showed the slightest intention, of allowing matters to drift. What matters for the future is that they have neither lost heart through a serious setback nor been hurried into a petulant self-sufficiency.

"THE KING OF KINGS."

LADY OXFORD CRITICISES AMERICAN FILM.

Lady Oxford writes, in a letter dated Wednesday, to *The Times*:—

"I saw the American film, 'The King of Kings,' yesterday. I am speaking for myself when I say that, in spite of the story being the greatest episode in the history of the world, it did not move me. The emasculate spook-like figure of Christ—middle-aged and neither human nor divine—is not impressive, and I felt that were He to come among us to-day many of the audience would have been the first to shout, 'Give us Barabbas.'

"To men who have neither thought nor cared about the living God, this film may make an appeal; but to those who have, it is an affront.

"A friend of mine returned a few months ago from a visit to America. He had gone on an important British mission and was entertained with lavish hospitality in New Yord and various other prosperous cities. Much impressed by the good manners of the tradesmen, the bankers, the hotel managers and his hosts, he said to an American of distinction, 'I find your manners over here extraordinarily good. Wherever I go I meet with nothing but civility.' 'That's so,' replied the American, 'but, you see, we make a study of salesmanship.'

"That was a candid and even pathetic remark. The Americans make a study of salesmanship, but they are not the people to make a study of Christ, and I felt shocked on leaving the theatre to think that England should have allowed a Covent Garden Christ to be presented in London."

SPANISH CHRISTMAS LOTTERY.

CLUB WINS £517,000 PRIZE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

MADRID, Thursday.

Big prizes in the Spanish Christmas lottery were won and lost this morning. A crowd, which had been forming up into a queue since early yesterday morning, stood shivering while gazing on the activities of a number of boys from charitable institutions who were drawing numbers corresponding with those dropping out at every turn of the big wheel.

Never has the biggest lottery of the year aroused so much interest, and the Puerta del Sol has been packed with people gazing up at the numbers placarded as they were telephoned through. No tickets have been available for many weeks past except a few returned from provincial districts, which have been sold at a big premium.

The prize of fifteen million pesetas (over £517,000) was won by Ticket No. 10,123, a large share in which had been bought by a club composed of twenty-three persons, called La Peseta, formed ten years ago for the sole purpose of entering for the big annual lottery. This is the second large prize they have won.

As is usual, the excitement preceding the announcement of the result of the lottery is not allowed to subside, another lottery being started before the interest in the subject died down.

The second prize of ten million pesetas was won by Ticket No. 50,153; the third prize of five million pesetas was won by No. 39,059; the fourth prize of three million pesetas was won by No. 45,225; the fifth prize of one million pesetas was won by No. 24,940, and the sixth prize of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesetas by No. 8,899.

CHILDREN'S TREAT AT KINGSTOWN.

DONATION FROM THE KING.

In connection with the Christmas treat and entertainment, held at Kingstown this week for the children of the unemployed ex-Service men in the district, Mrs. E. Chute Neligan, 104 Lower George's street, Kingstown, has received the following letter from the Keeper of the Privy Purse:—

"In reply to your letter of 12th instant, I am commanded by the King to send you enclosed cheque for £5 as a donation from His Majesty towards the fund you are raising to provide a Christmas treat and entertainment for the children of unemployed ex-Service men of Kingstown and district."

9,000 MILES IN A MONTH.

MR. COSGRAVE'S VISIT TO AMERICA.

LEAVING SOUTHAMPTON ON JANUARY 11TH.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

I am officially informed that President Cosgrave will leave for the United States by the White Star liner Homeric, which sails from Southampton on January 11th.

The presidential party will consist of:—

MR. COSGRAVE,
MR. DESMOND FITZGERALD, Minister for Defence;
COLONEL JOSEPH O'REILLY, the President's aide-de-camp;
MR. DIARMUID O'HEGARTY, Secretary to the Executive Council; and
MR. JOSEPH P. WALSH, Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs.

The party will visit New York, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Boston, returning to Dublin from New York by the White Star liner Olympic on February 4th. It is understood that they will first go to Chicago from New York, and from there will go to Washington, where President Cosgrave will see President Coolidge at the White House.

During the month that they will be away the presidential party will travel over 9,000 miles:—

	Miles.
Dublin to Southampton, via London	350
Southampton to New York	3,110
New York to Chicago	1,000
Chicago to Washington	750
Washington to Philadelphia	120
Philadelphia to Boston	300
Boston to New York	200
New York to Southampton	3,110
Southampton to Dublin	350

It will be seen that they will have to travel over 3,000 miles by rail.

MR. DE VALERA IN AMERICA.

A STUDENT OF ECONOMICS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Mr. de Valera arrived here in the Leviathan yesterday.

He said he had come to pursue industrial and commercial studies which would, he thought, aid him in the formulation of policies for the economic independence of the Irish Free State should his party come into power.

He is spending Christmas with his mother at Rochester, New York.

AN AMERICAN COMMENT.

Mr. de Valera may get a "bad Press" if the views expressed by the *New York Times* are generally shared. In a recent issue the *New York Times* published the following editorial:—

"It was on the eve of the sailing of Mr. de Valera for the United States that his fellow-Irishman, Mr. Bernard Shaw, wrote a letter urging that not a cent further be given to Ireland from abroad. The reason he alleged was that she is now entirely able to take care of herself, and ought not to be put in the position of what he delicately called 'an incorrigible beggar.'

"If this meant only opposition to raising in this country another fund further to distract Irish politics, there is certainly something to be said for it. Mr. de Valera states that the treasury of the Irish Republican is empty, and that he has come here to replenish it. But if his party has really the strength claimed for it—and its representatives now number almost half of the Dail—it ought to be able to provide the money for its future campaigns."

WORKMAN, CLARK AND CO.

NOTICE TO OFFICE STAFFS.

It was learned yesterday that the office staffs of Messrs. Workman, Clark and Company, shipbuilders, Belfast, had received notices ending their engagements at the close of the year.

The yards will not be entirely closed down, as the tanker Chesapeake will not be delivered until the middle of January. Apart from that vessel, there is no work on hand except the Bermuda, which is due to leave next week.

ESCAPED CONVICTS.

FRUITLESS SEARCH IN ISLE OF WIGHT.

Yesterday's search for the two convicts, Raynor and Williams, who escaped from a working party outside Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight, on last Wednesday, proved fruitless.

Following the report of a burglary at a lonely house at Porchfield, where clothing and money were stolen during the night, and a further report by a farmer of two strange men entering a wood at Hamstead, near Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, about eight miles from Parkhurst Prison, early yesterday morning, the search was concentrated by about fifty police and warders on a track of densely-wooded and marshy country on the shores of the Solent, near Yarmouth. They worked under great difficulties, rain falling in torrents at times. Nothing was seen of the convicts, and at dusk the mud-covered searchers returned to their quarters.

The search will be resumed this morning. Watch is being kept on the usual exits, and boat-owners were ordered to remove oars and sailing gear to prevent the fugitives from attempting to cross the Solent during the night.

CARRIBEAN SEA COLLISION.

SEVERAL DROWNED WHEN SCHOONER SUNK.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO ISLAND, Thursday.

Several members of the crew of the Venezuelan schooner, Viente Julio, have been drowned, following a collision between the schooner and the American steamer, Merida, 628 tons, in the vicinity of the island of Aruba.

The schooner sank. Two bodies have been recovered.

PEER'S ESTATE FOR THE PUBLIC.

LORD PONTYPRIDD'S BEQUEST TO CARDIFF.

It is understood that under the will of Lord Pontypridd the bulk of his estate, amounting to nearly £30,000, has been bequeathed to the citizens of Cardiff. The most valuable part of the property is Lord Pontypridd's residence, Brownyd, situated in picturesque grounds on Penylan Hill.

It is proposed to convert the house into a rest for invalids, the maintenance to be met out of the income of the capital sum bequeathed. Lord Pontypridd was Mayor of Cardiff in 1880, and was also the oldest surviving Freeman.

ARGENTINE TO REJOIN THE LEAGUE.

PARIS, Thursday.

Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, arrived in Paris to-day and had a long interview with Senor Gallardo, the Argentine Foreign Minister. It is stated that the return of Argentine to the League of Nations was discussed, and it is believed that the return of the South American Republic to the League is now only a matter of days.—(Excange.)

FLOOD HAVOC IN IRELAND AND GREAT BRITAIN.

TRAIN WRECKED NEAR YOUGHAL.

CORK SUBURB INUNDATED; EXCITING RESCUE SCENES.

Central Europe still is shivering under Arctic conditions, but in Ireland and Great Britain serious floods have followed the disappearance of snow and frost.

Heavy floods in the Rivers Lee and Suir and their tributaries have submerged railway lines and roads in the Counties of Cork, Waterford and Tipperary.

A goods train, carrying mails and newspapers, was derailed on the way from Cork to Youghal, the engine falling over the embankment and the wagons being telescoped. The driver sustained fractured ribs and the fireman and guard slight injuries.

A flood which invaded houses in the Cork suburb of Blackpool to a depth of six feet in the early hours of yesterday morning rendered hundreds of people temporarily homeless.

TRAIN WRECKED BY FLOODS.

DRIVER, FIREMAN AND GUARD INJURED.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Thursday.

Early this morning a goods train was derailed on the Cork-Youghal line, about a mile and a half outside Killeagh. The driver, fireman and guard were injured, the fireman sustaining fractured ribs.

The permanent way had been washed out by floods, and in the darkness the engine toppled over the embankment. Some of the wagons left the rails and were smashed.

A roaring flood, some six feet deep, swept along the tracks, and the escape of the train men from death was remarkable.

GUARD'S STORY.

Mr. Patrick Coogan, the guard of the train, in an interview, said that at the time of the occurrence he was thrown against the side of his van and knocked unconscious.

"When I came to my senses," he said, "I found that my head was cut, and my chest and neck were also hurt. Fortunately, the rear portion of the van had not left the rails, although the front had. The wagon immediately in front of me had been telescoped into the van, the front of which had been broken in.

"I got out of the van, but the torrent between the rails was so fierce that I could not make any headway. The flood had swept away the entire permanent way, and there was nothing left to support the rails. The driver and fireman were standing about ten yards in front of me, but we could not reach each other owing to the flood, which was about six feet deep, nor could we hear each other owing to the roar of the rushing water between the rails."

CLEARING THE LINE.

Our Youghal Correspondent says:—The injured men were brought to Killeagh, and later to Cork. The mails and newspapers which were on the train were carried by motor to Youghal. During the day a large breakdown gang arrived by special train to clear the line, but owing to the difficulty of getting at the engine progress was slow, and at 4 p.m. it was estimated that it would take a couple of days to make the line good for the resumption of traffic.

Meanwhile the railway company and a firm of carriers are taking steps to handle both passengers and goods. Passengers to Youghal are taken by motor from Killeagh free. The little station presented a busy appearance on the arrival of the 3.20 train from Cork, the approaches being crowded with vehicles.

"RATHER WINTRY."

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR CHRISTMAS.

Air from sub-tropical regions engulfed most of England yesterday, and exceptionally warm weather for the time of year prevailed over the southern half of the country. In many districts, in fact, the temperature was almost as much above the December normal as it was below it early in the week.

A large and intense storm centre off the West of Ireland is spreading slowly eastward, and the barometer has now fallen to a very low point. The weather will be generally unsettled for the next two o. three days. A renewal of wintry conditions is indicated for the North of Britain before long, with some sleet or snow, but it is not yet certain whether the cold air which has begun to flow southwards from the Arctic Ocean will eventually extend to southern districts also.

The large and sudden rise of temperature such as we have just had rarely lasts long, and a rather wintry Christmas over most of the country is still possible.

BELFAST 'BUS STUCK IN A FLOOD.

WOMEN PASSENGERS CLIMB THROUGH WINDOWS.

Following several days of frost and snow, heavy rain fell in Belfast yesterday morning, and several low-lying areas in the city were flooded.

A 'bus from Bangor encountered a flooded roadway on arriving at Laganbank road, Belfast. The driver, believing that he could drive through the water, did not stop, but the flood reached the engine and the vehicle was brought to a standstill.

The majority of the passengers were women, and they had to remain in the 'bus until several lorries arrived. The passengers then climbed through the windows on to the lorries, and were conveyed to the footpath.

FLOODS IN COUNTY WATERFORD.

TRAMORE RAILWAY LINE UNDER WATER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WATERFORD, Thursday.

A severe storm, accompanied by very heavy rain, swept over Waterford last night and to-day. The Waterford and Tramore railway service was suspended owing to the flooding of the line, which was over a foot under water in some parts. When a train from the city attempted the journey the water entered the firebox. For two miles beyond Sheepsbridge the line is submerged.

The omnibus services had to be diverted over the old road to Tramore, the new road being impossible for traffic.

In Passage East Roads shipping is congested, many vessels having run in from the bad weather outside.

The roof of the house occupied by Richard Walsh, tailor, in John street, Waterford, partly collapsed at midday to-day, but no person was injured.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR FLOODING.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR, Thursday.

The overflowing of the Suir and Lingaun Rivers at Carrick-on-Suir to-day flooded to a depth of five feet three miles of road at Newtown and Faugheen, near this town.

People in the districts mentioned were unable to leave their homes to-day.

A large number of small houses in Carrick-on-Suir are flooded, and the Christmas markets are almost ruined.

FLOOD SIX FEET DEEP IN HOUSES.

WATER WAKES SLEEPERS IN CORK SUBURB.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Thursday.

Hundreds of families resident in Blackpool, a thickly-populated suburb on the outskirts of Cork, were driven out of their homes in night attire in the early hours of this morning, when a stream overflowed its banks.

The flooding, which is described as the worst for more than a quarter of a century, was due to the almost continuous rains of the past week, accompanied by an exceptional high tide this morning. This caused the Watercourse River, a subterranean tributary of the River Lee, which flows under an extensive area of the lowlying districts of Blackpool, to overflow its banks shortly after four o'clock this morning, and the water rushed into the houses.

A RUDE AWAKENING.

Many of the houses in the district are one-storey buildings, occupied by large families, and it was these which were most seriously affected by the sudden flooding. Sleeping on the ground floor, as they did, the waters were swirling round their beds before the occupants awoke to realise the seriousness of their plight. Many of them were forced to leave their houses through the windows. In the case of some two-storey buildings women and children had to be rescued from the upper windows.

The flooding was particularly bad in Berwick lane, Furlong's lane, and William O'Brien street, where the floods in some instances rose to a height of six feet.

Mr. James McInerney told me that he was awakened at about four o'clock by the flood rushing into the kitchen, in which he found about three feet of water. When he opened the back-door with the intention of letting the water out through the yard there was another rush of water, the force of which almost carried him with it, and the water in the kitchen rapidly rose to above his waist. To convey his eight young children to safety he was forced to break a hole in the yard wall.

RESCUERS' DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. McInerney's next-door neighbour, Mr. O'Sullivan, his wife and five children, were rescued from an upstairs window, as also were Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien and their only child. Mr. O'Sullivan lost a leg in an accident some months ago, and he was taken to safety this morning in a trap pulled by Guard Patten and Mr. McInerney.

Guard Patten, who was on duty at the time, performed very good work in arousing the residents and rescuing them from their serious position. He had the assistance of several other Civic Guards and civilians.

The work of the rescuers was considerably impeded by the particularly heavy rain, there being a continuous downpour from 6 o'clock last evening until after 7 o'clock this morning. In some places they were working in water above their waists.

The floods in many cases entered the houses simultaneously from back and front. It is as yet almost impossible to estimate the damage caused, but it is considerable. Not only have many of the residents suffered severe loss of livestock, poultry and pigs, a considerable number of which were drowned, but the contents of several shops containing perishable goods were damaged.

LEE'S UPPER REACHES FLOODED.

In the upper reaches of the River Lee a considerable amount of flooding is reported, and although the amount of damage done is not large, roads in many cases have been rendered impassable, and traffic in consequence severely interfered with. The Coachford road was closed by the flood, and people were compelled to avail of the Southern road from Macroom. Even this road was flooded in various places.

Owing to heavy flooding at Innishannon last night the 'bus from Bandon to Cork was held up for a considerable time, but was able to complete the journey to the city and back to Bandon without accident.

At Glanmire, a village some five miles outside the city, a mill race burst its banks, and for a time it was feared that the village was endangered, but the overflow poured across the road and entered a high-banked stream on the other side. Only one house was affected as a result, but this was rendered uninhabitable by the floods.

VILLAGES CUT OFF BY FLOODS.

HUNDREDS OF ACRES UNDER WATER IN BRITAIN.

Heavy rain has fallen in Exeter and district since the thaw set in on Tuesday. Many

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acres of land are under flood in the Exe, Axe, Otter, Clist and Culm valleys.

In the Alcester, Warwickshire, district yesterday, the rivers Avon and Arrow overflowed, and hundreds of acres were submerged. Roads were impassable and villages were isolated. At Alcester many houses were flooded, and enormous damage was done.

VILLAGES CUT OFF BY FLOODS.

Flooding was general all over Leicestershire yesterday. At Loughborough the railway station was threatened, and at Melton Mowbray the water rose 13 inches in an hour. At Market Harborough the square was flooded, and many riverside villages were cut off from each other, the main roads being three and four feet under water.

Exciting scenes were witnessed yesterday at Daybrook and Arnold, suburbs of Nottingham, when a large storm culvert burst under a heavy downpour from the neighbouring hills. The backs of several houses were submerged to a depth of three feet.

The sudden thaw brought the River Tweed and its tributaries down in full flood yesterday, and at Peebles the river presented a most unusual sight, as great pieces of ice were borne swiftly along on the dark waters.

TWELVE HOURS' RAIN IN SCOTLAND.

Twelve hours' deluge of rain in the East of Scotland last night caused the snow to disappear, and streams overflowing their banks tore up stretches of land. The rush of water swept away root crops in a number of fields. Miles of land were in a submerged state last night.

In many parts of Durham large areas of land were submerged.

Roads were submerged, houses isolated, and sports grounds waterlogged as the result of big floods in Northamptonshire.

The rapid thaw has caused flooding at Hull, the basements of many houses being filled with water. The Hull-Kingston Rovers' football ground was also flooded.

At Pocklington, East Yorkshire, water rushed down the main street and invaded houses and business premises.

Floods, following the frost in North Leicestershire, have submerged hundreds of acres of land. Two feet of water cover several of the main roads, which are impassable. Farmers had to travel on horseback through the water to meet tradesmen and postmen.

FLOODING IN MERTHYR VALLEY.

The heavy rains carried down *débris*, which stopped up the entrance to a culvert in Georgetown, Merthyr. The rushing stream flowed into several streets, the houses of which were flooded to a depth of two feet. Furniture was damaged, and in the cellar of a public-house beer barrels were floating about. Eventually the culvert entrance was cleared, and the flood abated.

In the hamlet of Bute Town, situate in a hollow on the mountainside at Pontlottyn, torrents rushed down the mountain and flooded the houses.

CORK WRECK: BODY IDENTIFIED.

One of the two bodies recovered from the wreck of the schooner Pearl, which foundered off the County Cork coast on Monday, has been identified as that of the master of the vessel, Captain E. Gordon.

BODY WASHED ASHORE ON WEXFORD COAST.

The body of a sailor has been washed ashore at Cahore Point, six miles South of Courtown Harbour. Dr. Lawler, Coroner, without a jury, returned a verdict of "death from drowning," and the remains were interred in Donaghmore Cemetery.

UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH.

MURDERERS WHO DO NOT KNOW THEIR FATE.

Seven men—one in Ireland and six in Great Britain—under sentence of death will pass Christmas without knowing whether the sentences will be carried out or not. In the Irish case the Court of Criminal Appeal this week refused the application of William O'Neill for leave to appeal against his conviction for the murder of Margaret Farrell (aged 84) at Glenmalure, Co. Wicklow. It is understood that a petition will be sent to the Governor-General to commute the sentence to one of penal servitude for life. The six men in Great Britain who have been sentenced to death have lodged appeals, but these will not be heard until January, as the Court has risen for the Christmas vacation. Three of the men are under sentence for the murder of one man, and two for the murder of another.

Death sentences on five other murderers whose appeals have been heard and have failed are under consideration by the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks. In all these cases Sir William Joynson-Hicks will decide before Christmas whether to advise the King to grant a reprieve.

Doris Williams, the Welsh woman, who was twice tried for the murder of her child, was reprieved this week. Only once before have there been a greater number of cases before the Home Secretary at one time. This was some years ago, when thirteen cases had to be decided.

This week the Governor-General of the Irish Free State granted a reprieve to Elizabeth Hannon, who had been convicted of the murder of her illegitimate child. The death penalty was commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

LATE LORD CURZON'S ART TREASURES.

12,000 GUINEAS FOR A ROMNEY PORTRAIT.

The sale of the late Marquis Curzon's art treasures brought a big crowd to Christie's Auction Rooms, London, yesterday afternoon. There were only eleven pictures in the collection, many others having been bequeathed to the nation, but all were of outstanding importance—notably, Romney's portraits of Lady Milner and of Mrs. Yates; Hoppner's of Lady Vernon; and Sir William Beechey's "Mrs. Farthing." Beechey's portrait was the first put up on the stand. It brought an opening bid of only 500 guineas, and advanced slowly, till it fell at £1,995. This picture was sold for a trifling sum at Worthing many years ago, but when Lord Curzon bought it at the Ramsden sale ten years ago he paid £4,830 for it.

Bonington's "View of Paris," which formerly belonged to Sir Joseph Beecham, aroused spirited bidding, and reached £1,050, and the Francis Cotes portrait of the Countess of Shipbrook fetched £2,257. The Gainsborough of Sir Joseph Banks as a boy went for 950 guineas. Hoppner's portrait of Lady Vernon, and another of Miss Larpent realised 1,700 guineas, and £525 respectively. Mr. Charles Agnew gave 12,000 guineas for a Romney portrait of Lady Milner, from Sir Frederick Milner's collection, the bidding opening at 3,000 guineas. This portrait, the finest of the collection, was painted by the artist 136 years ago for a fee of 80 guineas.

Then came another Romney—that of Mrs. Yates, the acress. Several times in the course of its history this portrait has changed hands for a £10 note. It now brought £577. The total amount realised by the sale was 23,020 guineas.

WOMEN STUDENTS CREATE A FLUTTER.

GLASGOW COUNCIL CHAMBER INVADED.

During the sitting of the Glasgow Corporation yesterday a flutter was created among the hundred and thirteen members when a number of young women in scarlet gowns from the university invaded the Chamber. They were included in a party of undergraduates who were disposing of badges at £1 each which entitles the holders to "immunity" from student collectors when they hold their Charity Day in January.

The women students were accommodated in the seats reserved for distinguished strangers, and, although a keen debate was in progress on tramway matters, several members were attracted by their presence. This aroused the ire of Mr. McNeill (Labour), who protested against the intrusion, and complained that certain colleagues were more interested in the young women than in the debate.

Mr. Dollan, another Labour member, who was addressing the House at the time, demurred to the criticism, and, amid laughter, confessed that the presence of the young women was rather an inspiration.

By this time several members had handed over their £1 notes. This was again the cause of complaint by Mr. McNeill, who objected to privileges being extended to favoured individuals.

The Deputy Chairman explained that the Chamber had been stormed by the students, but they were working gratuitously for charity.

A ewe, the property of Mr. P. Fox, Dungannon, has given birth to a fine lamb on his farm at Rossbeg.

£225,000 MORE FOR IRISH LOYALISTS.

ADDITIONAL GRANT BY GOVERNMENT.

THE NEW SCALE OF COMPENSATION.

The sum provided to meet the claims of the Southern Irish Unionists has been increased by £225,000 to £625,000, according to a statement made in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Salisbury. He stated that the following scale would be paid in dealing with the recommendations made by the Grants Committee in pre-truce cases:—

Recommendation.	Payable.
£250	In full.
Any excess of £250 to £1,000	50 per cent.
Any excess of £1,000 to £50,000	30 per cent.

It was stated that the same principle was being applied to these cases as was used in the case of claims by sufferers from enemy air raids in Great Britain during the war.

A similar statement was made yesterday in the written replies to questions by Mr. Churchill (the Chancellor of the Exchequer). In reply to Mr. Albery (Con., Gravesend), he added that payment on this scale will be made immediately in all cases as soon as they have been the subject of a recommendation by the committee.

REPUDIATED PLEDGES.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION CRITICISED.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Thursday.

I have received the following statement from the Irish Claims Compensation Association:—

"We are most grievously disappointed with Lord Salisbury's statement in the House of Lords, on behalf of the Government, that the awards of the Irish Grants Committee are to be repudiated by the Treasury to the extent of 50 per cent. in the case of sums awarded over £250 and under £1,000, and to the extent of 70 per cent. in the case of awards over £1,000.

"These latter are largely the cases where applicants were legally entitled to payment under the British laws as they stood when the damage was perpetrated, and until their repeal by the Free State Government in 1923, and most solemn pledges were given to Irish loyalists, both by the British Government and by at least six individual members of the present Cabinet.

"As doubt was thrown on the extent of these pledges a committee, presided over by Lord Dunedin, was set up by the present Government to determine exactly their effect, and, in an unanimous report, Lord Dunedin's Committee found that on the narrowest interpretation of the Government's pledges it was bound to give full compensation on the scale provided by the law; but that all other cases of injuries to loyalists should be investigated and compensation paid.

"Although Irish loyalists contend that the Irish Grants Committee are awarding much smaller compensation than Lord Dunedin reported had been promised, the Government have always asserted that the terms of reference fulfilled their pledges.

"They are thus doubly committed to pay the sums awarded. For the past twelve months they have prevented the Grants Committee from disclosing their awards, and have paid nothing more than sums on account of such undisclosed awards.

"Inconceivable as it is, the Government are now repudiating their admitted pledges, and state their intention of only paying from 6s. to 10s. in the £ on amounts over £250 awarded.

"As an excuse, the Air Raid Losses Committee is mentioned, although there is no analogy whatever. In that case no pledges had been given, and Parliament had allocated £5,000,000, to be divided among the sufferers, who had to abate rateably. That case related to an attack by a foreign enemy against the nation as a whole.

"The present case relates to a small section of our people, whom the Government first disarmed, and then abandoned to their fate."

STATEMENT IN THE LORDS.

The Duke of Northumberland, in the House of Lords, asked the Government, in view of the hardship inflicted on Southern Irish claimants owing to the uncertainty as to the amounts and to the delay in payment of awards, whether the Irish Grants Committee might be authorised to notify claimants, as soon as their cases had been decided, what were the amounts awarded to them, and whether such grants would be paid in full without delay.

The Marquess of Salisbury, Lord Privy Seal, replied that in the cases referred to by the noble duke the duty of the Irish Grants Committee was to make recommendations. The awards were the acts of His Majesty's Government. Those awards, as and when they were decided, would be published, and the amounts of the awards would be paid without delay, but they did not in all cases reach the same figure as the recommendations.

When these post-truce cases were referred to the Grants Committee in pursuance of the Report of Lord Dunedin's Committee, the Secretary for the Dominions informed the Grants Committee that the Government had no means of knowing, until the work of the Committee was completed, or nearly completed, what was the extent of the hardship with which they would have to deal, and they had not felt justified in committing the British taxpayer to an indefinite liability. The Government had in their minds a limited expenditure, beyond which they were not prepared to go.

They had decided that £400,000 was the absolute maximum which could be provided to meet the recommendations of the Committee, and they had, indeed, hoped that that figure might not be reached.

In view, however, of the very natural anxiety that the sums of money should be paid forthwith, and the fact that it had become apparent that the total sum recommended by the Grants Committee would largely exceed the £400,000 limit for which the Government had stipulated, it became necessary to begin to adjust the amounts recommended without waiting.

The Government, therefore, had decided to apply the same principle to these awards as was used by the Committee presided over by Lord Sumner in the case of the claims of sufferers from enemy air raids during the war.

That principle was to award a sum equal to the recommendation in every case for the first £250 of all awards; on any excess over £250 up to £1,000, 50 per cent. of such excess, and on any excess from £1,000 to £50,000—which, of course, was not reached in these cases—30 per cent., notwithstanding that the total estimated amount would be £625,000, or £225,000 over the maximum limit originally fixed.

RUGBY FOOTBALLER'S DEATH.

HOME OFFICE'S REFUSAL TO HAVE BODY EXHUMED.

It was reported at Cardiff yesterday that the Home Office had refused to exhume the body of David Lewis, the Welsh boxer and rugby footballer, for whose murder three men are under sentence of death. The legal advisors to the condemned men applied for an exhumation order on a report they had received that Lewis's death was not caused by the injuries sustained in the street affray.

The Home Office states that it has no power to intervene at this stage.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

THE KING'S REVIEW OF EVENTS.

HOUSING AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Parliament yesterday was prorogued till the seventh of February next. Apart from the King's Speech, the text of which was read by the Lord Chancellor, there was little interest in the proceedings in either House.

Ministers in the Commons answered various questions, all confined to English affairs, and in the House of Lords a Royal Commission gave the Royal Assent to the following measures:—

The Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Act, the Road Transport Lighting Act, the Cinematograph Films Act, the Unemployed Insurance Act, the Mental Deficiency Act, the Criminal Appeal (Scotland) Act, and other Acts.

TEXT OF THE SPEECH.

HOME AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The text of the King's Speech proroguing Parliament was as follows:—

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:—

I have followed with constant interest the journeys of my sons, the Prince of Wales and Prince George, to Canada, and also of my son and daughter-in-law, the Duke and Duchess of York, to New Zealand, Australia, and other parts of my Dominions. I rejoice in their return, and I have learned from them, with deep satisfaction, of the loyal and enthusiastic welcome which they invariably experienced throughout their journeys.

It gave me partcular pleasure, in the course of the summer, to receive in my capital the President of the French Republic, accompanied by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs. The visit gave fresh evidence of the cordial relations so happily established between my Government and the Government of the Republic, and afforded my people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France in the persons of these two eminent Statesmen.

The visit of the King of Egypt was a source of gratification to me, and afforded an opportunity for a full exchange of views between the Egyptian Prime Minister and my Foreign Secretary. The frank and friendly nature of these conversations was in itself of good augury for the future, and it is my hope that their outcome may prove of lasting benefit to both countries.

I have watched with profound sympathy and satisfaction the steady growth in influence of the League of Nations, and the increasing part which it plays in composing International differences and preserving peace. The recent meeting of the Council at Geneva marked a further stage in this progress. My Government will continue to base its policy on loyal co-operation with the League.

A Conference with representatives of the United States of America and Japan was held at Geneva, at which the delegates of my Government put forward proposals for the future limitation of armaments, which, if accepted, would have led to substantial reductions in naval strengths and costs. I regret that, though much community of view was revealed, it was not possible to reach a general agreement. But in spite of this temporary failure, my Government have no intention of embarking upon an increase of their naval building programme, which is based upon a considered view of the defensive needs of my widespread Empire.

IMPERIAL AFFAIRS.

A conference, attended by Governors or other senior officials, representing twenty-six colonies, protectorates and mandated territories, assembled in May to exchange views on proposals of common interest to the Colonial Empire. This year has also been marked by important Inter-Imperial Conferences in London dealing with education and agricultural research. I am confident of the great value of such meetings, not only in the results achieved and the recommendations made, but also in bringing together, in a spirit of comradeship and mutual assistance, those who are engaged in similar work in widely separated parts of my Dominions.

My Government, having decided that the time is ripe for the initiation of the inquiry into the working of the system of government in India, for which the law provides, have, with the concurrence of both your Houses, issued a Commission to seven of your number, who will shortly embark upon their momentous task. I earnestly trust that their labours may be crowned with success, and that from their counsels may emerge a system of government which shall give contentment to the peoples of India and strengthen the bonds that unite my Empire.

A new Treaty between myself and His Majesty the King of Iraq, to replace the existing Treaties between us, has been signed by our respective representatives. The text of this Treaty has been laid before you.

WAR DEBTS.

During the past year agreements have been concluded with the Greek and Serb-Croat-Slovene Governments providing for the settlement of their respective war debts to this country. The terms of the agreements have been presented to Parliament, and, as in previous cases, they give effect to the policy adopted by my Government to limit the claims on our Allies to such amounts as, together with our reparation receipts, will cover the obligations my Government has itself to meet in respect of war debts. I note with satisfaction that funding agreements have now been signed in respect of all the Allied war debts to this country except that of Russia.

Members of the House of Commons,—

I thank you for the provision you have made for the public service.

EMPLOYMENT.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,—

My Ministers continue to watch closely the state of employment, which, though showing welcome signs of improvement in some parts of the country, still gives cause for anxiety in others. To facilitate the transfer of labour from industries with restricted opportunities for employment—and, in particular, the coal-mining industry—a Board is to be appointed to recommend the executive action to be taken by the Department concerned. My Ministers look with confidence for co-operation from all who can assist in this work, both at home and overseas.

A bill has been passed placing the system of insurance against unemployment upon an improved permanent basis. Striking progress has been made during the past year in providing housing accommodation for the people, and the number of new houses completed in England and Wales since the Armistice now exceeds one million. During the past year a greater number of new houses have been completed in Scotland than in any previous year. Substantial progress is also being made with the clearance of insanitary areas and the rehousing of displaced tenants.

A bill has been passed to declare and amend the law with regard to trade disputes and trade unions.

I have given my assent to the Landlord and Tenant Bill, the provisions of which will secure to certain classes of tenants compensation for the loss of good-will attaching to their premises, and for unexhausted improvements, and will effect other desirable alterations in the law. A bill has been passed which, it is hoped, will materially assist the development of the British cinematograph film industry. A bill has also been passed providing for the re-organisation of certain legal services, and the amendment, in certain respects, of the law relating to Sheriff Court business in Scotland.

It is my earnest prayer that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon all your past and coming labours.

GREYHOUND RACING.

VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS.

THE BETTING EVIL.

The hint given by Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, that the British Government might impose restrictions on greyhound racing was the subject of keen discussion yesterday. Sir William admitted to a deputation of members of Parliament that betting by juveniles was a grave evil.

One result of the Home Secretary's statement was that the prices of shares in greyhound racing concerns fell sharply on the London Stock Exchange.

The Lobby Correspondent of the Press Association states that the Parliamentary Committee which has been set up to marshal the case against greyhound racing will meet from time to time during the recess, so that the matter may be brought to the attention of Parliament as soon as possible after the reassembly.

DIRECTORS' OPINIONS.

The following are the views of persons prominently identified with the management of greyhound racing tracks:—

Brigadier-General Critchley, managing director of the Greyhound Racing Association—"We are in entire accord with what Sir William Joynson-Hicks said on the subject of betting by juveniles. Although I have seen practically nothing of it myself on our tracks, I can say that if it should be found to exist we shall do everything in our power to put a stop to it. Every bookmaker who is seen to accept bets from children will most certainly be warned off.

"Our Association is also in agreement with Sir William's criticism of investments in greyhound tracks. I, myself, have always held that it is foolish for people to invest in a haphazard way in greyhound racing tracks. The boom in the sport cannot be maintained at its present level, and it is really only towns with a population of three hundred thousand which can maintain a proper track."

Sir Frederick O'Connor, a director of the projected Tooting track:—"So far as juvenile betting is concerned, I have no doubt that everyone would be agreed upon stamping it out. Another thing which might be agreed upon is the limitation of the number of courses. As it is there is not one course for every great town in the country. I believe that greyhound racing has a tendency to be greatly overdone.

"I do not suppose for an instant that the Home Secretary has in mind the suppression of greyhound racing. After all, it is perfectly harmless, and the suggestion that it is a danger to the community is absolute rot."

"GROSSLY EXAGGERATED."

Colonel H. A. Browne, a director of the Scottish Greyhound Racing Co.:—"My view is that the Home Secretary is being influenced by a lot of cranks, who protest against everything started in a country. The amount of betting by working men on dogs has been grossly exaggerated. In fact, the Chancellor of the Exchequer himself has said that the betting tax returns from this form of sport are almost negligible. I was told by two big employers of labour in Scotland only a day or two ago that greyhound racing has been a boon. They told me that men in the works, instead of wasting their mornings looking through the papers for horse racing tips and then spending the afternoon sending boys out with their bets, now indulge in whatever betting they want to do in conjunction with their evening's sport at the dogs."

THE LATE SIR F. YOUNG.

WORLD'S GREATEST SALVAGE EXPERT.

The funeral took place yesterday, at Bursledon, Hampshire, of Commodore Sir Frederic Young, R.N.R., the salvage expert. Sir Frederic died on Tuesday in a nursing home in London, where he had been for several months.

The Service was conducted by the Rector of Bursledon, the gathering in the church including many of the late Commodore's associates in salvage work and a number of the directors and staff of the Young Accumulator Company, with which he was associated. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, surmounted by a wreath of bronze chrysanthemums, from Lady Young and her son.

The widow, escorted by her son, Captain Frederick Young, was followed by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Jellicoe, an old friend of the Commodore. With Lord Jellicoe was Captain N. Shilton, representing the Admiralty.

RAISED OVER 500 SHIPS.

Sir Frederick William Young was the world's greatest authority on salvage work of all kinds, and the value of hulls and cargoes recovered by him from the sea amounted to millions of pounds.

He was the first man to raise a sunken U boat—the U C 5—and he blocked Portland Harbour in less than a week by sinking the old battleship Hood bottom up.

During the war he raised over 500 ships with a total cargo value of over fifty million pounds, and after the evacuation by the Germans of the Belgian ports it was Sir Frederic who was chiefly responsible for clearing Zeebrugge and Ostend by raising 18 ships, including the Vindictive, Thetis and Iphigenia, which were sunk at the naval action at Zeebrugge, and Captain Fryatt's steamer, the Brussels.

One of his most notable feats, so far as the saving of human life went, was the raising of the British submarine K 13, which sank during manœuvre practice at Gareloch.

Thirty-one of the crew were drowned when the vessel sank, but the remainder escaped a like fate by getting to the fore part of the vessel. After being imprisoned in the hull of the submarine for over 50 hours, the remaining crew of 43 were rescued by the ingenuity of Commodore Young, who, by means of barges and wires, up-ended the submarine and had holes burnt in the hull.

LOS ANGELES MAN HUNT.

HICKMAN CAPTURED AFTER EXCITING CHASE

The Los Angeles man hunt has ended, and William Edward Hickman, the youth who had been sought for days by 8,000 policemen and detectives for the murder of the girl, Marian Parker, was arrested yesterday near Pendleton, Oregon.

The capture was made at a place called Echo, after a spectacular motor car race along the Columbia River.

When questioned by detectives, Hickman denied having taken any part in the Los Angeles crime. He admitted, however, it is alleged, that he did kidnap Marian Parker, and to have said that he wanted money to go to college, and thought that kidnapping was an easy way out of his difficulty.

THE CONFESSION.

In the course of his statement Hickman is alleged to have said that the girl was killed on Friday, and that the deed was the work of a "friend," whom his confession did not identify. He is alleged to have declared that no anæsthetic was used during the dissection of her body. She was strangled with the wire in the hands of the murderer.

He added that the murder was not committed in an apartment house in Los Angeles, as supposed.

THE CHASE.

The police set ou from Echo to try to capture the fugitive if he should come that way. They had only paused for a minute to light their pipes when they saw a green car approaching. They immediately challenged the driver, but by a quick turn of the wheel he evaded them and dashed away.

The police gave chase, and after an exciting race at last drew up alongside the suspect's car, and covered the driver with their revolvers. Under this threat he obeyed their order to halt.

As he alighted a sawed-off shotgun, which he had held between his knees, fell with a clatter on to the running board.

Hickman was then brought to Pendleton, where important evidence was at once secured; for when he was searched most of the ransom money was found on his person.

THE GREEN MOTOR CAR.

When first sought Hickman was stated to have escaped from Los Angeles in a green Hudson Sedan car, which he had seized at the point of a pistol from its terror-stricken owner.

He was traced by the twenty-dollar bills which he used freely along the line of retreat to Canada. On Wednesday he paid out one of these bills for a fresh supply of petrol at a garage in Portland, Oregon, and yesterday he handed another to an attendant at Kent, only fifteen miles from Seattle, for more oil.

Hickman had been further north in his flight, but turned back on account of snow in the mountain passes.

The prisoner broke down and sobbed as he tried to persuade the police that he had no part in the murder of Marian Parker, and named a Los Angeles man as his partner in crime.

TRAINS "HELD UP."

ENGINE TROUBLE DELAYS SCOTTISH EXPRESSES.

Serious delay was caused yesterday to Scottish expresses between London, Euston; Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow, and Edinburgh at Woodbank, two miles south of Carlisle, by a defect developing on an engine drawing an express from Liverpool and Manchester to Edinburgh and Glasgow, due at Carlisle at 3.14. The train was brought to a sudden stop and the engine could not be moved. A goods train behind it complicated matters, and close in its wake was the "Royal Scot" non-stop express from Euston to Carlisle. Single line working had to be brought into operation at once, and though a big effort was made to clear the road for the "Royal Scot" express, it did not reach Carlisle until fifty minutes behind time, having been kept standing between Penrith and Wreay stations. Other trains also were late.

ENTOMBED MEN ON SUBMARINE.

DIVERS STILL AT WORK.

NO HOPE OF RESCUEING MEN ALIVE.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

The Navy Department has not received any official intimation that there is no one left alive in the submarine S4, and high officials said to-day that salvage operations would go ahead without interruption until the submarine had been brought to the surface.

They, however, reluctantly admitted that there seemed no further hope of anyone being still alive within the sunken submarine.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

PROVINCETOWN (MASS), Thursday.

Throughout the night air was being pumped into the torpedo-room of the sunken submarine S4, in which the six men were imprisoned.

Rear-Admiral Brumby has informed the Navy Department that two divers have succeeded in making an air tube connection with the listening valve leading to the torpedo-room, and that "there is reasonable belief that air began going into the torpedo-room at about 10 o'clock last night."

Weather conditions have remained good, and another diver was then preparing to descend in an attempt to attach a second air tube to the torpedo-room.

Over a score of divers are standing by, and the officers in charge of the rescue operations are working frenziedly to reach their entombed comrades.

Many valuable hours were lost in an attempt yesterday to find the submarine on the sea bed. The buoy which originally marked its position had been carried away by the heavy seas, and the S4 was located only after a search which lasted from daylight to dark. With the aid of the enormous bell-like submarine lights divers were prepared late last night for an all-night stay beneath the waters.

ACCIDENT ON FRENCH WARSHIP.

THREE KILLED AND THREE INJURED.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

PARIS, Thursday.

The Ministry of Marine announces that two petty officers and one seaman have died of burns, as the result of an accident which occurred on board the sloop Remiremont yesterday.

While the Remiremont was steaming from Cherbourg to Brest in a strong gale a pipe burst in the boiler room, which was immediately filled with steam. Two officers and another seaman were injured, but not seriously.

In spite of the accident, the Remiremont was able to return to Cherbourg under its own steam.

MYSTERY OF A GOLD WATCH.

When John James Searle, stated to be a tramp, was charged at Exeter yesterday with offering for sale a woman's gold watch, supposed to be unlawfully obtained, the Chief Constable said that Searle stated that he found the watch near Worthing. The Worthing police were making inquiries. The watch, a gold keyless pocket one, had a silver dial. The monogram on the outside of the case was "E.B.T." or "F.B.T.," and on the inside was engraved: "To Alice Todd from T.R.H. Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, 16/10/1902-12/1/1906." Searle was remanded till to-morrow.

COLD WEATHER MOTORING necessitates the correct grade of Wakefield CASTROL to ensure easy starting and full performance. Consult the Wakefield Chart at every garage. —(Advt.)

CANOE CAPSIZED.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DROWNED.

Three people were drowned on Wednesday night when their canoe upset in the river Hamble, Bursledon, Hampshire. The victims were—Mrs. Dorothy Irene Cullen (36) and her daughter, Peggy Harman (16), both of John street, Southampton, and John Percy Abbott, of Inkerman road, Southampton. A fourth member of the party, Frederick Beech, ship's steward, escaped by pulling himself up the ladder of a houseboat which they were trying to reach. Half a gale was blowing and the river was in a disturbed state when the party got into the canoe, and it is thought that the accident happened through one of the women rising to her feet as they neared the houseboat. The bodies of Mrs. Cullen and Abbott have been recovered

NUN'S BODY RE-INTERRED.

PRIVATE CEREMONY AT EDINBURGH.

During a storm of wind and rain the remains of Margaret Sinclair, the Scottish girl, at whose grave in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, many Roman Catholics have prayed during the last few months, were re-interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Mount Vernon, Edinburgh, yesterday.

The nun's body was exhumed and removed from London to Edinburgh on Wednesday night. The second burial yesterday was kept strictly private, and not more than a dozen people were present. Simplicity characterised the obsequies, and the ceremony took only a short time.

Margaret Sinclair was the daughter of working class parents. She became a Poor Clair nun, and was for some time an extern sister at the Poor Clair Convent, North Kensington. In November, 1925, she died, and since then thousands of Catholics have declared that they have obtained special graces through her intercession.

NATIONAL BANK CLERKSHIPS. Candidates should note that at the last Examination Pupils of Rosse College, Stephen's Green, gained 8 places.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS FIRM AT THE CLOSE.

(Reuter's Telegrams.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Stocks opened irregular. Constructive interests advanced United States Steel Equipment issues and Coppers substantially, in order to counteract the influence of tighter money and realising and short selling on fears that to-day's brokers' loans statement will show another large increase. Some losses of 2 to 3 points were recovered, when United States Steel reached 151, and most of the Copper stocks touched unprecedented heights, the optimistic nature of the business reports prompting considerable buying. Insurance shares moved widely, Fidelity Phœnix rising 14 points to 230, but reacting to 220. Continental Insurance, however, declined 13. International Nickel gained 8 points. The market closed firm. Government Bonds quiet; Railroad Bonds dull. The day's sales totalled 2,592,000 shares.

Money on call closed firm at 4½ bid and 4¾ p.c. asked. All business was done at 4½ p.c. Frime mercantile paper was quoted at 3¾ p.c. to 4 p.c. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅜c. higher at 57⅝.

	Thur.	Wed.
Call Money	4½b. 4¾a	4½b. 4¾a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.84	4.84
Do do Demand Bills.	4.87⅞	4.87⅞
Cable Transfers	4.88 11/32	4.88 11/32
Do. Montreal	4.89 1/16	4.89 1/16
Exchange Paris cable	3.93¾	3.93⅞

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Thur.	Wed
198 5/16	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe....	193½	194
108 5/16	Do. Pref.	105¾	105¾
120⅝	Baltimore and Ohio	117½	117⅝
218¼	Canadian Pacific	213⅛	213
17 15/16	Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul	17½	17⅝
89 1/16	Chicago and North West.......	87	86½
66 5/16	Erie Shares	64⅝	64¾
63¾	Erie 1st Preferred	62¼	63⅛
138¼	Illinois Central	135	134½
157¼	Louisville and Nashville	153½	153
42½	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas..	41½	41⅝
52½	Missouri Pacific New	51¼	51¾
168	New York C'tral & Hudson R.	164	164½
195⅝	Norfolk and West Com.	191	191¾
101⅝	Northern Pacific Com.	99	98½
66 5/16	Pennsylvania Shares	64⅝	64⅞
107 9/16	Reading Shares	105	103¾
44 1/16	Do. Pref.	43	43
127	Southern Pacific	124	124½
148¾	Southern Railway	145¼	145⅜
197 11/16	Union Pacific	193	192¾
86¼	Do. Pref.	84¼	84
76 11/16	American Can. (New Stock)...	74⅞	75
189⅝	American Smelt. and Refining	184⅞	186¾
60 5/16	Anaconda Copper	58⅞	58¾
—	Anglo-American Oil	—	—
58⅞	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock..	57½	57¼
—	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	—	—
119 7/16	New York Consolidated Gas..	116⅝	117⅛
134 11/16	General Electric (New Stock)..	131½	132†
136⅞	General Motors (New)	133⅝	134
4⅛	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	4	4
41½	Do. Pref. Certs.	40½	41
38	International Pet. of Canada..	37⅛	37
134 5/16	National Lead	131	129
41¾	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	40¾	40¾
43¾	Shell Transport and Trading...	42¾	42⅝
26⅛	Shell Union Oil Corp.	25½	25⅝
55 15/16	U.S. Rubber	54⅝	55¼
153¼	United States Steel Common..	149⅝	148⅝
143⅝	Do. Pref.	140	139½
—	Silver Commercial Bars	57⅝	57¼
	BONDS.		
100⅞	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	98½	98¾
87 1/16	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	85	85¼
100⅝	Union Pacific 4% Bonds......	98¼	98½
111⅝	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bonds	108¾	108½
—	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	—	—
108 9/16	Do. Do. 1937	106	106
108 15/16	7 per cent. German Loan.....	106⅝	106¾
110⅝	U.S. Treas. 3¾ p.c. Bds., 46-56	107⅛	107‡

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Closing Prices. Thur.	Wed.
142⅛	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.	139	139¾
33⅛	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	32¾	32½
98⅝	Do. Pref.	94½	94
223 9/16	Brazilian T. L. & P. Co., Ltd.	218¼	218⅞
1⅛	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	1⅛	1⅛
30 11/16	Do. 1st Preference Series B	30	30
3 15/16	Do 2nd Preference	3½	3½
55 15/16	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd	54	54½
253 11/16	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.....	247	247
143¼	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd....	140	140
36 15/16	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co....	36½	37½
35 15/16	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd	35	35
92 9/16	Do New 6 p.c.	90½	90½
271½	Con. Mining & Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	265½	260
130⅜	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd. ..	127½	128
18⅜	Hollinger Gold Mining Shares	18	17⅝
119⅛	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	116½	115⅞
91¼	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	89¼	89½
112⅜	National Breweries, Ltd.	109⅞	105
79¾	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	78	78
90¼	Shawinigan W. & P. Co. (New).	88¼	88
142⅝	Spanish R. P'p & P'r Mills, Ltd.	139½	138½
153⅜	Do. Pref.	150	150
182	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	178	175
86⅜	Quebec Power Co. New Stock..	84½	84
113⅛	Wayagamack	111	111
100 5/16	Winnipeg Electric	98	97¾

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spots barely steady, ⅛c. to ⅝c. down.

	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot ...	135⅞	136⅜
No. 2 Northern Manitoba, spot ...	161⅜	162
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot ...	144⅞	145⅜
No. 2 Red Winter, spot ...	146⅞	147⅜

Sales for export—10 boatloads.

RYE barely steady, ¾c. down. No. 2 spot, 122⅛.

Sales for export—Nil.

BARLEY steady, ½c. higher, American malting, spot, 103½.

MAIZE barely steady, ½c. decline.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot ...	97¼	97¾

Sales for export—25 boatloads.

LARD steady, 5 points higher. Prime Western steam, 12.35; Middle West, 12.10 to 12.20.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 6.50 to 6.75.

Sales for export—Nil.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter, 1/9 to 2/3.

Heavy grain to Continent, per 100lbs., 7c. to 10c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 40c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 55c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases ...	17.15	17.15
Standard White in barrels ...	13.75	13.75
Do. Philadelphia	13.75	13.75
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	38-38-9
Pennsylvania Crude	2.35-2.80	2.35-2.80

PETROLEUM steady.

RUBBER very dull. First latex crepe, spot, 41 buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 40¾ buyers, 41 sellers.

COFFEE—

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
To-day	13 50	13.30	13.34	13.25	13.16	13.08
	December, 1928 12.98					
Prev. day	13.43	13.20	13.24	13.20	13.11	13.02

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban spot steady and unchanged; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.65. Futures steady and 1 point up to 2 points down. Approximate day's sales—48,000 tons.

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July	Sept.
To-day	2.80	2.76	2.83	2.90	2.98	3.06
	December, 1928—3.12					
Prev. day	2.79	2.78	2.82	2.91	2.99	3.07

Sugar sale—14,000 bags of Philippines at 4.63 for January-February shipment.

TALLOW steady. Spot, extra loose, 8¾.

SHELLAC—T.N., spot, 55½.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 56; Savannah, spot, 50.

METALS.—Straits Tin barely steady and 12½ points lower. Spot and nearby New York, 58.25. Future option—Jan. 58.25. Lead steady and unchanged; spot New York, 6.50; East St. Louis, 6.25. Zinc barely steady and 2½ points down; spot East St. Louis, 5.62½. Pig Iron steady; Northern No. 2 Plain, f.o.b. furnace Eastern Pennsylvania, 19.00; f.o.b. Buffalo (delivery Boston), 21.41 by rail, 19.50 by water.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

WHEAT opened steady, unchanged to ⅛c. down, and closed barely steady, 1⅞c. to ⅝c. lower. Opening options—Dec., 131; May, 136; July, 135⅛. Closing options—Dec., 130⅛; May, 135⅝; July, 134½. Rye easy and 1c. to ⅝c. down. Closing options—Dec., 103¼; May, 107⅝. Oats easier and ⅛c. to ¼c. lower. Closing options—Dec., 62¼; May, 64¼. Barley steady and ⅞c. to ⅜c. higher. Closing options—Dec., 86⅜; May, 88¼. Flaxseed easier at ¾c. to ⅞c. decline. Closing options—Dec., 179⅛; May, 180⅞.

Wheat receipts (carlots).	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	5	3
No. 2 Northern	88	74
No. 3 Northern	318	312
No. 4 Northern	149	143
Other grades	901	882
Total	1,461	1,414

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, but 8 points to 1 point down. The interest centred chiefly in December option, which was liquidated. However, there was an absence of selling pressure elsewhere, and light trade buying imparted a steady undertone through it the session. The market closed steady at 1 to 5 points gain. Spot quiet and 5 points lower.

Spot middling upland at New York, 19.50.

Spot middling upland at New Orleans, 19.24.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 2,000 bales; Gulf, 20,000; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 3,000.

Exports—Great Britain, 3,000 bales; France and Continent, 3,000; Japan and China, nil.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

WHEAT was barely steady and ⅛c. to ⅜c. lower at the opening. Predictions of increased Argentine shipments and advices of a beneficial snowfall over Missouri and Kansas, together with North-Western selling, influenced declines, the market closing barely steady at ½c. to ¾c. reduction. Spot nominal.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot ...	—	—
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot ...	—	—

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	Mar.	May.
To-day	126¾	128⅝	130
Prev. day	127	128⅝	130⅛
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May.
To-day	126⅛	128⅜	129⅝
Prev. day	126⅞	128⅞	130⅝

MAIZE opened steady, ⅛c. up to unchanged. The final tone was barely steady, with quotations ⅜c to ½c. down.

Spot, No. 2 mixed Western, unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	84¾	88	91¼
Prev. day	83⅞	87¾	91⅛
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	84¼	87½	90¾
Prev. day	84⅝	88	91¼

OATS steady, but ⅛c. to ¼c. lower on the day.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	52⅝	54½	56
Prev. day	52½	54⅝	56¼

NEW CARDINALS.

POPE BESTOWS RED HATS.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT THE VATICAN.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

ROME, Thursday.

A public Consistory was held this morning by His Holiness Pope Pius XI. to bestow the Red Hat on Cardinal Hlond, Archbishop of Posen, Primate of Poland, one of the youngest members of the Sacred College, who was raised to the Purple last spring.

The Red Hat was also bestowed on Cardinals Alexis Henri Lepicier; Raymond M. Rouleau, Archbishop of Quebec; Justinian Szeredyi, who is the youngest Cardinal, being only 46; and Henri Joseph Binet, Archbishop of Besançon, who happened to be in Rome.

THE FRENCH CARDINALS.

At first it was thought that Cardinal Binet might return to France and receive this honour from Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, in the presence of President Doumergue, as was done when the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Cerretti, was created Cardinal.

As is known, the conferment of the Red Hat on French Cardinals is a privilege traditionally exercised by the head of the State, but in the case of M. Doumergue, the first Protestant President of France, this procedure necessarily underwent an alteration, and, although he was present, the President took no active part in the ceremony.

All the above-mentioned Cardinals, with the exception of the Archbishop of Posen, were raised to the Purple in the Secret Consistory which took place last Monday.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING.

The Cardinals living in Rome, high dignitaries of the Church, and the Pontifical Court, the diplomatic body attached to the Holy See, and the Roman aristocracy, all participated in to-day's ceremony.

The Pontiff was conveyed from his private apartment to the Sala Regia, where the Consistory was held, on the *sedia gestatoria*—a portable throne, carried by eight bearers clad in rich red silk. He was followed by a numerous suite and by the Sistine Choir, singing as they moved. The Sala Regia and the rooms through which the procession passed were thronged with people of various nationalities, who greeted the appearance of the Holy Father with the utmost warmth.

After leaving the *sedia gestatoria* and taking his place on the throne, the Pope held the Red Hat in turn over each of the new Princes of the Church, who were then embraced by all their colleagues as a sign of welcome into the Sacred College.

The picturesque and impressive ceremony was concluded by the Apostolic Benediction imparted by the Pope to all present, after which he returned to his apartment.

The Pope appointed Monsignor Rouleau Titular Cardinal of the Church of St. Peter in Montoris, which has hitherto always been entrusted to a Spanish Cardinal.

FIGHT FOR A PATIENT'S LIFE.

ICY ROAD STOPS PROGRESS TO HOSPITAL.

An operation on a boy performed successfully at Birmingham Children's Hospital represents a triumph over transport difficulties caused by Wednesday's icy conditions.

A Birmingham consulting surgeon, responding to an urgent request, motored to the Nuneaton (Warwickshire) district under freezing conditions, and decided that an immediate operation was necessary. Approaching the Birmingham boundary his car, containing the patient and his mother, failed to negotiate a hill. Several policemen attempted vainly to push the car along. A police ambulance was then called, and also failed to make progress.

As the boy's condition was growing more serious, the Birmingham tramways headquarters were asked to assist, and a tramcar was readily despatched and succeeded in towing the doctor's car so that it could proceed. The operation was then performed, and according to last night's report the patient's condition had improved very much.

BIRMINGHAM HOTEL MYSTERY.

DEATH OF MAN WITH MISSING TOES.

A mysterious occurrence at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, is being investigated. Last Monday night a man, apparently about forty years of age, arrived and booked a bedroom. He gave his name as John Cameron, of Park street, Preston. After stating that he had a car and inquiring about a garage, he went out. Returning later, he retired to bed. He was not seen to leave the hotel on Tuesday, and at 10.30 at night was found unconscious in his bedroom. After medical attention, he was removed to hospital, where he died late last night.

An insurance voucher, which had been detached from a diary for 1928, was found in his possession. It bore the name of John Cameron, and gave a Glasgow address. His occupation was stated to be a surveyor. Inquiries at Preston and Glasgow throw no light on the man's identity. The car he referred to has not been traced. The first toe is missing from both feet.

NEW ISSUE.

5 P.C. TREASURY BONDS, 1933-35.

The Bank of England will receive applications for 5 p.c. Treasury Bonds, issued at 101 per cent. and repayable between 1933 and 1935. The first interest payment of £1 15s. per cent. will be made on August 1, 1928. Bonds will be in denominations of £50, £100, £200, £500, £1,000 and £5,000, and applications must be for £50 or multiples thereof. 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds may be converted into 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan between 16th and 31st July, 1928, at £117 Consolidated 4 per cent. Loan for each £100 nominal 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds. Holdings surrendered between 16th and 31st January, 1929, will receive £114 10s. 4 per cent. Consol. Loan for each £100 nominal 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds. Holders of 5 per cent. National War Bonds and 4 per cent. National War Bonds due September 1, 1928, may surrender their holdings, and receive in exchange 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds, 1933-35, at the rate of £105 10s. Treasury Bonds for each £100 nominal War Bonds, and 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds at the rate of £99 10s. for each £100 nominal of 4 per cent. War Bonds. Applications for the conversion of Bonds registered in the Bank of Ireland, Dublin or Belfast, must be lodged at these offices, but applications for the conversion of bearer bonds and all cash applications must be lodged at the Bank of England Loans Office. Application forms may be obtained at the Bank of Ireland. Lists for cash applications will be opened on December 29, and closed on or before January 4, 1928. The list for conversion applications will be closed on January 11, 1928. (Prospectus on page 10.)

RYE easy, ¾c. to ⅝c. lower. No. 2 spot, 108½.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May.
To-day	107¼	108½	108⅝
Prev. day	108	109⅛	109⅝

PROVISIONS—Lard opened barely steady, and prices eased on predictions of increased hog receipts. Subsequently the market took an upward turn, and closed steady, with futures 5 to 7½ points and spot 5 points up. Ribs quiet, 2½ points lower to 7½ points higher. Lard—Prime Western steam, spot, 11.60.

Lard—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	11.57½	12.00	12.37½
Prev. day	11.52½	11.95	12.30
Ribs—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	10.20	11.12½	11.35
Prev. day	10.20	11.15	11.27½

BACON steady. Short ribs, spot (60lbs. average), 11.00.

HOGS steady. Light-weights are unaltered and heavy unchanged to 5 points down. Light-weight, 7.75 to 8.55; heavy-weight, 8.25 to 8.80.

		To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	...	125,000	94,000
" Chicago	...	48,000	31,000

Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1st, total 4,277,000, against 4,433,000 same season last year.

SPORT



The house party at Rockingh... —Sir Thomas Stafford, Mr. ...



Colonel R. G. Sharman Crawford, ... has been elected President of the T... College Association of Northern Ir... —*Lafayette.*



Some of the workers at the Pa... while sorting the Christmas ma...



Left—The Dartmouth Carol P...

SPORT IN CO. ROSCOMMON: CAROL SINGERS.



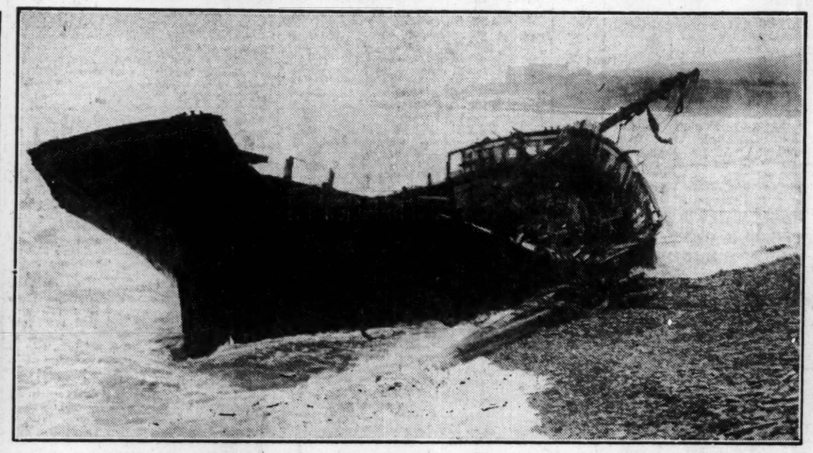
The house party at Rockingham, Boyle, the residence of Sir Thomas Stafford, where the pheasant shooting is exceptionally good. Sitting (left to right) —Sir Thomas Stafford, Mr. Hum Bland and Captain the Hon. C. H. G. Mulholland, D.S.O. Standing—Captain Stafford, Lady Helen McCalmont, Mr. E. A. Saunderson, the Marquis of Headfort and Major Dermot McCalmont.



Winter sports on the Zuyder Zee, which is in the grip of a great frost.



Colonel R. G. Sharman Crawford, who has been elected President of the Trinity College Association of Northern Ireland. —*Lafayette.*



The wreck of the schooner Pearl on Garrettstown Strand, Co. Cork. The master and crew perished.



Mr. W. H. Atkinson, barrister-at-law, whose death was announced yesterday. He served as a sergeant in the Pals' Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the war.—*Lafayette.*



Some of the workers at the Pearse street Post Office pause for a moment while sorting the Christmas mails in order to have their photograph taken.



Flashlight photograph taken at the Orthopædic Hospital, Upper Merrion street, Dublin, yesterday, when members of the Rotary Club entertained the little patients. In the group are Mrs. Cooper, Major Bryan Cooper, Mr. Hubbard Clark, Miss Riordan (Matron), Miss Brown, and Messrs. F. Thompson, R. W. Archer, Cunningham, Cairnes and C Jacob.





Left—The Dartmouth Carol Party, under the leadership of Mr. R. Nolan. Right—The Dublin Free Breakfast Carol Party, under the leadership of Mr. Williams. Both parties are collecting for free meals for the destitute poor in the Christian Union Buildings, Lower Abbey street, Dublin.

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GAS WORKS EXPLOSION.

SHOCK LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE

An explosion, followed by fire, occurred yesterday morning at the Southport (Lancashire) Gas Works at Growlands, where the gas supply for the town is generated. Two men were seriously injured, and were removed to the infirmary.

The explosion took place in the meter house connected to the main supply, and one of the gasometers had a huge rent torn in its upper surface. Many thousands of cubic feet of blazing gas leapt high into the air, and the glare could be seen for miles. People living near the works stated that they felt the shock of the explosion like an earthquake.

The Southport Fire Brigade and the ambulance were quickly on the scene. By that time a section of the gas works appeared to be a mass of flames.

The Fire Brigade worked strenuously to prevent the fire reaching the other gasometer, and the main supply of gas to the town was turned off. A portion of the gasworks near the meter house was destroyed. The meter house roof and part of the walls were blown away.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. The wind, being in the right direction, helped the work of the firemen, and blew the flames away from the other gasometers. There is not a window left in the gas works.

Part of the wall of the meter house which was wrecked fell on two men, John Thomas Newton, of Hart street, and Emmanuel Phipps Newton, who received serious injuries to the head.

£350,000 CONTRACT.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S SUGAR-BEET FACTORY.

It is officially announced that the firm of Stewart and Partners, Limited, of London, Belfast and Dublin, has obtained the contract, amounting to over £350,000, for the erection of a beet-sugar factory at Brigg, Lincolnshire. The factory will be capable of slicing 1,000 tons of beet in 24 hours, and during the three months' working season, from October to January, will be able to cope with the production of 12,000 acres of land.

The designers of the factory are the Hallesche Maschinesfabrik, of Halle, Saxony, who have built more than 200 sugar factories in various parts of the world. The machinery is to be of the latest design, and not less than 75 per cent. of it will be manufactured in England, in accordance with Government regulations. Preliminary working on the site has already begun, and the work of construction proper will begin early in the new year. This will occupy about seven months, so that the factory should be completed in time for the 1928 beet crop in October.

The county interest on the directorate is represented by Sir Berkeley Sheffield, M.P.; Major Hoult, Deputy-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, and Colonel O. Sutton-Nelthorpe.

LEEDS CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

FORMER COVENT GARDEN WARDROBE MISTRESS.

Mrs. Margaret Norman, who on last July 12 received congratulations from the King on her hundredth birthday, died yesterday at her house in Wesley terrace, Richmond Hill, Leeds. She was believed to be the city's oldest inhabitant.

Mrs. Norman, who was born at Pump Court, The Temple, London, had a vivid recollection of the entry of Queen Victoria to London on her accession to the throne.

In early life Mrs. Norman was wardrobe mistress at Covent Garden Theatre and at the Theatre Royal, Manchester. In later years she filled similar posts at Leeds and Bradford. She travelled extensively on the Continent and in South Africa.

SEX DIFFERENTATION IN EDUCATION.

HEADMASTERS' DECLARATION

A declaration "that it is neither desirable nor necessary that the conditions of examination imposed for the school certificate should be identical for boys and girls" was passed at the Headmasters' Conference at Rugby yesterday. Eton and nearly all the public schools were represented in the declaration, which was unanimous, except for Dr. Cyril Norwood (Harrow), who did not vote.

Mr. Frank Fletcher, Charterhouse, who presided and proposed it, said—"I am very strongly of the opinion that it is a mistake to try to make the education of boys and girls run on exactly the same lines. I do not think that girls gain by the rather hothouse competition which is sometimes involved."

Dr. Alington, Eton, seconding, said—"I am of opinion that girls' schools have modelled themselves too closely on boys' schools."

LMS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Co. give NOTICE that the

Day Mail Service

BETWEEN

DUN LAOGHAIRE AND HOLYHEAD

IN EACH DIRECTION WILL BE SUSPENDED ON

Monday, 26th Dec., 1927

The NIGHT Mail Services on December 25th and December 26th will run as usual, and both DAY and NIGHT Services will operate on Tuesday, 27th December.

THE CARGO BOAT SAILINGS BETWEEN DUBLIN (North Wall) and HOLYHEAD

In Each Direction Will be SUSPENDED on Monday and Tuesday, 26th & 27th December

with the exception of the 6.45 p.m. Steamer from HOLYHEAD on Tuesday, 27th December

BUY ALL YOUR XMAS EXCURSION TICKETS AT THE D'OLIER ST. BOOKING OFFICE AND RESERVE YOUR SEATS THERE, IN ADVANCE.

HEWETT'S, D'OLIER ST., DUBLIN.

MASTERING THE STEPS OF THE TANGO (Illustrated). SEE THE *Weekly Irish Times* TO-DAY.

LOOKED UP CHIMNEY FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS.

LIVERPOOL CHILD'S FATAL BURNS.

"May went to the fire and looked up the chimney, as a girl had told her that if she did so she would see Father Christmas," was a statement made to the Acting Coroner at Liverpool yesterday when he investigated the death from burns of Mary Margaret Ashton, aged seven years, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Ashton, a widow, of Hornby street, Liverpool.

The statement was made by Mary's elder sister, Martha, aged twelve, who also said that her mother was out on Monday morning when Mary looked up the chimney. Afterwards Mary said that she would not look up again, as she felt sick and too hot. Martha then noticed that her sister's pinafore was on fire. Aid was summoned, and Mary, suffering from burns all over her body, was removed to the Northern Hospital, where she died.

A verdict of "accidental death" was recorded.

The Rev. J. J. Deady, of London, has been appointed a Canon of the diocese of Brentwood. Father Deady is a native of Kanturk, and has just celebrated the 25th year of his priesthood.

PROSPECTUS.

£5 PER CENT. TREASURY BONDS, 1933-1935.

Interest payable half-yearly on the 1st February and 1st August.

A first Interest payment of £1 15/- per £100 will be made on the 1st August, 1928.

PRICE OF ISSUE, £101 PER CENT.

Payable as follows:—

On Application	£10 per cent.
On Wednesday, 4th April, 1928 ...	£91 " "
	£101 per cent.

The Governor and Company of the Bank of England are authorised to receive applications for the above Bonds.

The Principal and Interest of the Bonds will be a charge on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

If not previously redeemed, the Bonds will be repaid at par on the 1st February, 1935, but His Majesty's Government reserve to themselves the right to redeem the Bonds at par at any time on or after 1st February, 1933, on three months' notice being given in the "London Gazette."

The Bonds will be issued in denominations of £50, £100, £200, £500, £1,000, and £5,000.

The Bonds may be registered free of cost in the books of the Bank of England as

1. "Transferable in the Bank Transfer Books," or
2. "Transferable by Deed."

Holdings of Registered Bonds, which will be transferable in any sums which are multiples of one penny, may be re-converted at any time in whole or in part (in multiples of £50) into Bonds to Bearer, with Coupons attached.

Interest will be paid half-yearly on the 1st February and the 1st August. A first payment of £1 15/- per £100 will be made on the 1st August, 1928. Dividend Warrants for interest on registered holdings will be forwarded by post income tax will be deducted at the source from dividends of more than £5 per annum. Interest on Bonds to Bearer will be paid by Coupon.

Powers of attorney, Transfers and Bonds to Bearer will be free of stamp duty.

This issue will not be regarded as a "Loan issued for the purposes of the present war," within the meaning of Rule 3, Schedule C, of the Income Tax Act, 1918.

Applications, which must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent., will be received at the Bank of England Loans Office, 5 and 6 Lombard street, E.C.3. In case of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will be returned.

Applications must be for £50 of the issue, or for multiples thereof. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £50. Allotment letters will not be posted until Wednesday, 18th January, 1928.

Allotments may be paid in full under discount at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum in the case of full payments made before the 1st February, 1928. Discount will only be allowed from the latter date. Default in the payment by the 4th April, 1928, of the balance due that day will render the deposit liable to forfeiture, and the allotment to cancellation.

Bond Certificates to Bearer, with Coupon attached, for the interest payable on the 1st August, 1928, will be issued in exchange for fully paid allotment letters. These Bond Certificates may be registered, or they may be retained to be exchanged after 2nd July, 1928, for Bonds to Bearer.

Until the 3rd June, 1928, 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds issued in respect of cash subscriptions will be designated 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds "A," but on that date the issue will be amalgamated with 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds raised as the result of the conversion offer made in this Prospectus to holders of National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928.

Holders of 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds, 1933-1935, may convert their holdings in whole or in part into 4 per Cent. Consolidated Loan on the following terms:—

Holdings surrendered during the period 16th July to 31st July, 1928, both days inclusive, will receive £117 Consolidated Loan for each £100 nominal 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds.

Interest on the Treasury Bonds converted will cease on the 1st August, 1928, and six months' interest on the 4 per Cent. Consolidated Loan will be paid on the 1st February, 1929.

Holdings surrendered during the period 16th January to 31st January, 1929, both days inclusive, will receive £114 10/- Consolidated Loan for each £100 nominal 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds.

Interest on the Treasury Bonds converted will cease on the 1st February, 1929, and six months' interest on the 4 per Cent. Consolidated Loan will be paid on the 1st August, 1929.

4 per Cent. Consolidated Loan raised as the result of these Options will rank pari passu with the 4 per Cent. Consolidated Loan existing at the time when the Options are exercised.

A commission of 5/- per £100 nominal Treasury Bonds surrendered will be paid to Bankers and Stockbrokers in respect of accepted conversion applications bearing their stamp.

5 per Cent. National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928;
4 per Cent. National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928;

Holders of these Bonds may surrender their holdings in whole or in part and receive therefor:

5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds, 1933-1935, at the rate of £105 10/- Treasury Bonds for each £100 nominal 5 per Cent. National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928;

5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds, 1933-1935, at the rate of £99 10/- Treasury Bonds for each £100 nominal 4 per Cent. National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928.

Interest from the 1st September, 1927, to the 1st February, 1928, on the surrendered holdings will be paid on the 1st February, 1928, and a full half-year's interest on the 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds will be paid on the 1st August, 1928.

Applications for the Conversion of Registered Bonds Transferable by Deed must be accompanied by the relative Register Certificates. Applications for the Conversion of Bearer Bonds must be accompanied by the relative Bonds, together with all coupons due subsequent to the 1st September, 1927.

Registered holdings will be convertible into holdings which will in each case be transferable in the same manner as the Converted Holding. Bearer Bonds will be convertible into Registered Holdings "transferable in the Bank Transfer Books" or "Transferable by Deed" at the option of the holder. Registered Holdings will be exchangeable in due course for Bonds to Bearer.

Commission as under will be paid to Bankers and Stockbrokers in respect of accepted applications bearing their stamp, viz.:—

On Applications to be paid for in cash ...	2/6 per £100 nominal 5 per Cent. Treasury Bonds allotted.
On Conversion Applications received by the Bank of England or the Bank of Ireland not later than Wednesday, 4th January, 1928	5/- per £100 nominal National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928, surrendered.
On conversion applications received by the Bank of England or the Bank of Ireland after the 4th January, 1928	2/6 per £100 Nominal National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928, surrendered.

APPLICATIONS.

1—For the conversion of Bonds registered in the books of the............ } Bank of England must be lodged at the Bank of England, London, E.C.2.

2—For the conversion of Bonds registered in the books of the..... } Bank of Ireland, Dublin, must be lodged at the Bank of Ireland, Dublin.

3—For the conversion of Bonds registered in the books of the..... } Bank of Ireland, Belfast, must be lodged at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast.

4—For the conversion of Bearer Bonds and all cash applications must be lodged at the Bank of England Loans Office, 5 and 6 Lombard street, London, E.C.3.

Application Forms may be obtained, together with copies of this Prospectus, at the Bank of England, at the Bank of Ireland, of Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Steer, Lawford and Co., 13 George street, Mansion House, E.C.4, and at any Bank or Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

IN THE CASE OF CONVERSION APPLICATIONS FORMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT BY POST TO ALL HOLDERS OF REGISTERED BONDS (IN THE CASE OF JOINT ACCOUNTS TO THE FIRST HOLDER).

The List for Cash Applications will be Opened on THURSDAY, 29th DECEMBER, and will be Closed on or before WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1928.

The List for Conversion Applications will be Opened forthwith, and will be Closed on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1928.

Bank of England,
London,
22nd December, 1927.

N.B.—National War Bonds due 1st September, 1928, of the Post Office issue will not be convertible at the Bank of England. They will be convertible at the Post Office under the arrangements set forth in the separate Prospectus issued by His Majesty's Postmaster-General.

THIS FORM MAY BE USED FOR CASH APPLICATIONS.

£5% TREASURY BONDS, 1933-1935.

PRICE OF ISSUE, £101 PER CENT.

To the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, E.C.2.

I/we request you to allot to me/us, in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus dated 22nd December, 1927, £.........say.........pounds of the above-named Bonds, and I/we hereby engage to pay the sum due 4th April, 1928, on any allotment that may be made in respect of this application as provided by the said Prospectus.

The sum of £.......... being the amount of the required deposit (namely, £10 for every £100 of Bonds applied for), is enclosed.

Signature ....

Name in Full ....
(Block Letters) (State whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Address ....

....

Date......... 192......

N.B.—Applications must be for not less than £50 and for multiples of £50.

Cheques should be made payable to "Bearer," and crossed thus:—

BANK OF ENGLAND.
A/C £5% TREASURY BONDS.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN IDLE.

GUINNESS AGAIN HIGHER.

Business slowed down still further on 'Change yesterday, under the season's influences, and, after an opening burst of brisk strength in a few securities, profit-taking was indulged in once more. There is little doubt operators desire to do little at the Christmas season, and invariably close down commitments on the Stock Exchange for that reason. Marconi Ord. Shares opened about 40s. the other side, but here 38s. 6d. was the best of the market, and a further shilling was knocked off at the later session on profit-taking sale pressure.

To-day business will close on the Stock Exchange until the following Wednesday morning.

Government National and other loans improved, but War Fives and Funding Loan eased, while Irish Land 3 per cent. closed higher. Banks were firmly supported, almost without exception. Guinness Ord. opened and closed higher, though not at best point touched at the opening of the market. Dublin Distillers issues displayed a firm trend. Rails were quiet, and, perhaps, easier with few orders in the market. Trams, Bakery and Drapery Shares were all drawn blank. Alliance gas closed steady. Courtaulds eased a little in this market, though reported firm the other side. Spinners were bid for, and improved, while Coats and Cottons marked time. Dunlop Rubbers did not further alter, and closed firm. Tobaccos fluctuated a little. Lever Bros. Pref. Shares were quoted ex. the dividends, payable 2nd prox. Burke Ord. were dull. Smaller priced Art. Silk Shares were better, especially Branstons.

LONDON LESS ACTIVE.

GREYHOUND SHARES COLLAPSE.

The near approach of the Christmas holiday, and the fact that the day was settling day, exercised a restricting influence on the volume of dealings, and most sections presented a quiet appearance. Here and there however, active features were manifest, Marconis opening strong and hardening further before reacting again towards the close. Greyhound Racecourse shares were flat on the Home Secretary's announcement that restrictive legislation might be considered by the Government, and the initial quotations were as much at 36 per cent. lower, but later in the day a partial rally took place. After hours an announcement was made of the issue of 5 p.c. Treasury Bonds at the price of 101 p.c.

A firmer tendency was manifest in the gilt-edged section after Wednesday's set-back, but at the close little material alteration was shown, though where changes occurred they were in the right direction. Foreign Government stocks continued rather quiet, but a firm tendency still prevailed, and several appreciable advances were scored. A somewhat quieter tone ruled in Home Rails, but Metros were an exception, and the Cons. and Districts were again put better. A firmer tendency ruled in Colonial and Foreign Rails, and, with the exception of "Can. Pacs.," which went off the turn, movements generally favoured holders.

There were again several features in the Industrial section, but the volume of business was comparatively small. Among Gramaphones, Vocalions slumped heavily in the early hours, and touched 37s. at one time. They rallied later, however, though still finishing appreciably lower on the day. Marconis opened strong and rose smartly, but reacted later on. Dunlops were easier inclined but Triplex Glass rallied smartly. Textiles moved irregularly, but Vine Products stiffened. Rubber firmed up to 1s. 7½d. per lb., but little change was shown in the share market. Oils developed a stronger tendency, but Mines, as a whole, were quiet and steady.

MARCONI MEETING.

Lord Inverforth, who presided for the first time at the Marconi meeting in London yesterday, said the dividend of 6d. per share, which the directors recommended, represented a small return, but the Board did not feel justified in making a larger distribution. Alluding to the use of beam wireless stations for telephony, Lord Inverforth said he hoped it would not be long before it would be possible, by means of the beam circuits, to give an efficient commercial telephone service between England and each of the Dominions and India now served by the beam system. The Chairman gave an interesting account of the striking developments in the work of the company. Mr. Nordon was refused a hearing, and the report was adopted with one dissentient. (Full report on page 10.)

SALE OF A CANADIAN MATCH COMPANY.

An Ottawa telegram states that the match business of E. B. Eddy and Company, Ltd., of Hull, Quebec, of which the Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative, is a large stockholder, is to be taken over by a new company under the presidency of Mr. George W. Paton, London, Chairman and Managing Director of Bryant and May. The announcement was made by Mr. George H. M. Allen, President of E. B. Eddy and Company, and was reported briefly in our columns yesterday.

IMPORTANCE OF RUBBER FUSIONS.

As fully reported in our issue yesterday, the shareholders of Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates, the Amalgamated (Rubber) Development Company, and the United Serdang (Sumatra) Rubber Plantations, passed resolutions unanimously approving the proposed amalgamation of these companies. This is the first of what may be a long list of such amalgamations among companies in the rubber industry. Mr. James Fairbairn told Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates shareholders that he was sure of a larger combined profit under one administrative control, and afforded sufficient evidence of the sound capitalisation of the unified properties, when he explained that the total capital would represent under £37 per planted acre. United Serdang shareholders likewise were convinced by the explanations offered by Mr. Eric Miller of the desirability of entering upon the amalgamation on the basis of the actual values arrived at after expert investigation. In dealing with the need of larger units on general grounds, Mr. Miller advanced the cogent argument that, since on the manufacturing side the industry was organised into a limited number of powerful undertakings, the multiplicity of relatively small producers should give place to grouping on lines that would secure not only efficient and economical management, but greater financial strength. It is for this reason that Mr. Miller advocates co-operation among producers to meet co-operation among consumers.

FRESH DIAMOND DIGGINGS.

On the strength of notices posted in the Lichtenburg district of the Transvaal, it is believed that fresh ground will be thrown open for diggers at an early date. The notices invite applications from diggers desiring to participate in the distribution of any fresh ground available in the district. Applications are subject to the conditions of the new Act, notably payment to the Government of 10 per cent. of the profits over £50 a month.

NEW CONVERSION OFFER.

The British Treasury makes a conversion offer into 5 p.c. Treasury Bonds to holders of 4 p.c. and 5 p.c. National War Bonds, repayable on 1st March, 1928. The amount of 5 p.c. outstanding is £177,935,322, and 4 p.c. £20,269,956. There is also an offer for cash at 101 p.c. of 5 p.c. Treasury Bonds, which are convertible into 4 p.c. Consolidated Loan. The conversion terms are attractive.

TRINIDAD LEASEHOLDS.

An official statement has been issued by the directors of Trinidad Leaseholds, Ltd., with reference to the new issue of shares foreshadowed at the last general meeting of the shareholders. The Board, it is stated, have decided to issue 262,312 shares, which shares, when fully paid, will rank pari passu with the existing issued shares, and will participate in any interim dividend that may be declared in respect of the financial year ending June 30, 1928. The new shares will be offered to shareholders registered on the books at the close of business on December 30, 1927, at the price of £2 15s. per share, and at the rate of one new share for every four shares held.

LONDON CHANGES.

In the gilt-edged section the few alterations recorded were in the upward direction. Funding Loan at 87¼ were ⅛ better, while the 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan at 76¼ were ⅛ higher. Among Indias, 3 p.c. and 3½ p.c. each gained ½ to 62 and 72, respectively, but Local Loans were content to repeat their overnight level.

In Foreign Government stocks, Chinese 4½ p.c. (1898) at 68, and the 5 p.c. (1912) at 39½ were each a point firmer, while Austrian 6 p.c., quoted at 99½, were ½ firmer. Peruvian Corp. Ord. advanced to 15¼, or ¼ up, the Pref. being quoted x.d. at 53. Poland 7 p.c. Sterling and Portuguese Threes were ¼ and ½ firmer. French Loans, Brazilians and others were quiet and unchanged.

RAILS STEADY.

Among Home Rails, Metros. continued firm, the Cons. gaining a point better at 69, while the Districts were ½ up at 66. Great Western Ord. were unchanged, but the Cons. Pref. gained ½ to 98, while Midland 4 p.c. Pref. at 74¾ were ¼ firmer. North Eastern 5 p.c. Pref. Ord. dropped ½ to 43¼, while the Def. Ord. at 7¼ were ¼ lower. Southern Def. Ord. dropped ½ to 37½, but the Pref. Ord. and Underground Ord. were unaltered.

In Colonial and Foreign Rails, "Can. Pacs." lost a point to 218, while United Havana at 66 were ½ easier. Among Buenos Ayres issues the Great Southern and Pacific each gained ½, while the Western finished a point harder. Central Argentine Ord. and Def. each finished ½ firmer, as did Central Uruguay and Cordoba Central Ord. Entre Rios and Mexican Rails were quiet and unchanged.

RUBBER SHARES QUIET.

There was no expansion in the volume of business passing in the Rubber Share Market; indeed, if anything, dealings were on an even smaller scale than was the case on Wednesday, but, despite the paucity of interest, a generally steady tone ruled. A steady tone ruled in the commodity market, with business rather quiet; spot and December sold 1s. 7¾d., January to March 1s. 8¼d., and April to June 1s. 8⅝d. per pound, while July to September, after opening at 1s. 8¾d., went to 1s. 9d. per pound. In the share market, Anglo-Sumatra provided a firm spot, the final quotation being 2s. 6d. up at 81s. 3d., while Golden Hope at 38s. 9d. recorded an advance of 1s. 3d. Malayalam at 44s. 9d. c.d. were 6d. up, as were Rubber Trusts, while Langkat Sumatra stiffened fractionally to 32s. 7½d. Seremban and Jugra Land were 9d. and 6d. lower, respectively.

TEA SHARES IDLE.

Dealings in the Tea Share Market were on an extremely small scale, while a slightly easier tendency was manifest. Price movements, however, were not numerous, and, for the most part, the final quotations were the same as on Wednesday. Ceylon Plant stiffened a trifle to 6¼, or 1/16 better, and Deundi closed fractionally higher, but Lanka dropped 1s. 4½d. to 50s. 7½d., while Nuwara Eliya and Scottish Tea and Lands were each 1s. 3d. easier.

OIL SHARES BRIGHTER.

A distinct and welcome change in tendency developed in the Oil Share Market, for there was an improvement both in the volume of business and in prices. There was quite a good turnover in Shells; in fact, business in the shares was on a much better scale than for some time past, and was conducted with far greater confidence. In response to the demand the shares advanced 1/16, the registered closing at 4¼, and the Bearer at 4 11/32. Royal Dutch also displayed firmness, rising ¼ to 29½. Anglo-Americans were maintained at 3 11/16, and Shell Unions at $26¼, while Pan-American B recovered to $42½. Anglo-Persians quickly reflected the improved tendency, the shares advancing steadily to 3 11/16, at which they left off rather buyers, the result of the day's business being a rise of 1/16. Burmahs were also a better market, improving 1/16 to 4½. A strong feature was provided by Mexican Eagles. The shares advanced 7½d. to 16s., the 8 p.c. Participating Prefs. rose 9d. to 15s. 9d., and the 7 p.c. First Prefs. gained 6d. at 18s. Venezuelan issues came in for increased attention. V.O.C. Holdings, as a result of the day's business, showed an advance of 1/16 at 3 1/16, the Prefs. being up to a like extent at 3 1/16. The British Controlled issues, following a lengthy period of dullness, came into request, the Common and Prefd. advancing 6d. to 4s. 10½d. and 7s. 1½d. respectively. Trinidad Leaseholds commanded attention, the shares being in keen request, and rising ⅛ to 4¼. Lobitos Shares recovered 1/16 to 3 1/16. Anglo-Ecuadorians improved 1/16 to 1 3/16. British Borneos gained 3d. at 15s.

INDUSTRIALS COMPARATIVELY QUIET.

Some sharp movements were witnessed in the Industrial Market yesterday, where business, on the whole, was comparatively small. Greyhound Racecourse shares were marked down at first, following the Home Secretary's announcement regarding possible restrictive legislation, but prices rallied somewhat before the finish. In the Gramaphone group Vocalions suffered a set-back, closing above the lowest, and Edison Bells were also sold. Buyers, however, were again in evidence for Gramaphones and Graphophones. Elsewhere Mond Nickels reacted sharply after official hours in the "street," following a bout of professional profit-snatching, but the rest of the Iron and Steel group maintained a fairly firm appearance. Artificial Silks and Textiles continued in active request, and Electrical Equipments were rather harder. Non-Inflammable Film Ord. attracted further attention with another substantial advance.

As indicated above, Greyhound Racecourse shares were marked down at the opening, but rallied somewhat later. The Ord. shares of the Greyhound Racing Association Trust declined from 2s. 9d. to 1s. 9d. at one time, closing at 2s. 3d.; Wembley Greyhound Defd. fell from 3s. 9d. to 2s. 9d., closing at 3s. 3d., and South London Greyhound Defd. from 2s. to 1s. 9d.; West Ham Greyhound Defd. weakened from 3s. to 1s. 9d. Vocalions suffered a shake-out in the Gramaphone group, relapsing at one time to 37s. 3d., being finally 5s. down on balance at 39s. Edison Bells reacted from 2 1/16 to 1⅞, and Victor Talking Machine closed dull at 54. On the other hand, buyers again came forward for Columbia Graphophones and Gramaphones, which strengthened to 7⅝ and 9 11/16 respectively. Mond Nickels continued a very firm market until after official hours, when a bout of professional profit-snatching sent the price tumbling down from 7¼ to 6 13/16, at which they finished with a net loss on balance of 1/16. The rest of the Coal, Steel and Engineering section had a fairly firm appearance, though Buell Combustion, after being up to 4, reacted to 3⅞; Armstrongs stiffened to 3s. 1½d., and Vickers to 11s. 10½d. Art Silks and Textiles again attracted attention. Canadian Celanese Common were bid up to 16⅝, closing 16¼; and British Celanese Ord. further improved to 4⅞. American Celanese Common, however, eased to 21. Courtaulds lost the turn at 7 11/16, but Snia Viscosa were marked higher at 44s., and Nuera Ord. closed buyers at 35s. Branstons displayed strength, the Ord. advancing to 16s. 9d., the Partly-paid Defd. to 7s. 9d., and the Fully-paid Defd. to 10s. 7½d. Bradford Dyers were the feature among Textiles on provincial buying, the price rising 2s. to 50s. 9d. Fine Spinners stiffened to 50s. 6d., and Bleachers to 36s. 9d. Stores, Catering and Food Supply shares were rather irregular, though buyers came forward for Barkers at 68s. 6d., Drapery Trusts at 42s., and Bovril Defd. at 43s. 9d. Shipping issues were harder in places, Cairns at 20s. 6d. and Cunards at 26s. Some of the Insurance shares were inquired for, Commercial Union at 26¼, General Accidents at 8⅜, North British and Mercantile at 29½, and Royal Exchange at 7¼. Electrical Equipments were harder, and supply issues showed steadiness. Telegraph and Telephone issues closed quietly steady, but in the Wireless group Marconis fell back from 39s. 4½d. to 38s. Tractions moved within narrow limits, and there was not a great deal doing among Motor shares apart from Dennis, which hardened to 9 1/16. Breweries made a mixed showing. Allsopp Pref. reacted 2 to 113¼, but Courage strengthened to 3¼, and Vancouvers hardened to 67s. Ind Coopes at 3 11/16 and Benskins at 3 1/16 were quoted ex-dividend and bonus. Tobaccos generally were fairly well maintained, but some profit-taking in "Imps" reduced the price 10½d. to 102s. 9d. Cements again displayed a hardening tendency, Associated Portlands improving to 21s. 3d., British Cement Products Ord. to 39s., British Portlands to 40s., and Holboroughs to 39s. Land shares had a quiet appearance.

An active demand was again witnessed for Non-inflammable Film Ord., which closed 4s. higher at 24s. 6d., the Defd. also hardening to 9s. 3d. Salt Unions strengthened to 2 1/16, with buyers also in evidence for British Aluminiums at 45s. 9d., African and Easterns at 26s. 3d., and Wall Paper Defd. at 31s. 3d. On the other hand, British Ropes Ord. weakened 1s. 6d. to 10s. on the report, and sellers also appeared for Dunlops, which gave way 7½d. to 33s. 7½d. Imperial Chemicals remained on the dull side, the Ord. at 32s. 4½d. and the Defd. at 9s. 10½d.

DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE.

NATIONAL LOANS HIGHER. MARCONIS UNDER BEST. TEXTILES AND TOBACCOS IRREGULAR.

Government National 5 p.c. Sterling rose ¼ to 98¾, and Compensation 5 p.c. ½ to 97; while Land Bonds 4½ p.c. repeated 91¾.

In British Funds, War Loan 5 p.c. fell 1/16 to 101 1/16, and Funding Loan ½ to 86¾, while Irish Land 3 p.c. rose ⅜ to 62¾.

In Banks, Bank of Ireland Stock rose ¼ to 273, and Royals 1/16 to 12; but Nationals eased another ⅛ to 20⅞, while Munster and Leinsters repeated 7 1/16.

Among Breweries and Distilleries, Guinness Ord. opened ½ higher at 47¾, but later a transaction was put through at 47⅞, and the Pref. repeated 11⅞. Dublin Distillers Pref. realised 19s. 6d. and 20s. for odd lots, and the 4½ p.c. Debs. rose 1 to 46.

Marconi Ord. rose a further 7½d. to 37s. 6d., after active dealings at 38s. 6d., 8s. 3d., 7s. 9d., 7s. 7½d., and Canadians realised 10s. 3d., 10s. 4½d., 10s. 3d.

Rails closed dull. Great Southern Ord. fell ¼ to 17¾, while the Pref. repeated 40¼, and the Debs. 59 x.d.

Alliance Gas repeated 9 1/16.

As regards Manufacturing Shares, Fine Spinners rose 9d. to 49s., but Courtaulds fell 9d. to 155s. 6d., while Coats Ord. repeated 67s. 1½d., and Cottons 48s. 6d. British-American Tobacco rose 6d. to 105s. 6d., but Imperials fell 7½d. to 103s. 7½d., after opening at last price. Dunlop repeated 34s., and Imperial Chemicals 32s. 6d. Lever Bros. 7 and 8 p.c. Pref. issues were both quoted 20s. 6d. x.d. Branston Art Silk improved to 16s. 9d., and Nuera Art Silk realised 35s. 10½d.

National War 5 per cent. Bonds 1928 (2nd Series) realised 104⅞.

British Controlled Oilfields Common quoted 4s. 9d.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

National Loan.(98¼)	98¾	G.S. Ord......(18)	*17¾
Compens. Stock.(96½)	97	Do. Pref......(40¼)	40¼
Land Bonds...(91¾)	91¾	Do. Deb...(61)	59 x.d.
5% War Ln.(101¼)	101 1/16	Alliance Gas....(9⅛)	9 1/16
Funding Loan.(87¼)	86¾	B.A.T......(105/-)	105/6
War Bonds '28 (Ser. 2)	104⅞	Imp. Tob..(104/3)	104/3 3/7½
3% Land ......(62¾)	62¾	Coats .....(67/1½)	67/1½
Bank Stock..(272)	273c	Cottons .....(48/6)	48/6
Mun. & Lein..(7 1/16)	7 1/16	Courtaulds.(156/3)	155/6
National ....(21)	20⅞	Branston Ord.......	*16/9
Royal ....(11¾)	*12	Nuera Ord.	35/10½
Dublin Distillers Pref.	*19/6 *20/-	Spinners ......(48/3)	49/-
Do. Deb.........(45)	46	Chem. Ord...(32/6)	32/6
Guinness ...(47¼)	47¾ ⅞	Dunlops ......(34/-)	34/-
Do. Pref......(11⅞)	11⅞	Lever 7%	20/6 x.d.
Marconi....(36/10½)	38/6 8/3 7/9 7/7½ 7/6	Do. 8%	20/6 x.d.
Do. Canada..10/3	10/4½ 10/3	Vickers .....(11/4½)	11/6
		Burke Ord...(40/-)	*40/-
		Controlled Oil Com..	*4/9

* Odd lot, a asked, b bid, c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' Rate	5½%
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	4½%
Deposits under £500	2 %
Deposits of £500 and over	2½%

The rates in the foregoing table, which are those at present in force, are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 9*	Jan. 23
Mining ticket	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
General ticket	Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Account day	Jan. 12	Jan. 26

*21-day account.

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange dull. War Loan, 101, ⅛; 4 p.c. Consolidated Loan, 86½; Northern Banking Co. "A," 5 11/16; Belfast Harbour Commissioners 3½ p.c., 70¼; the 3½ p.c. 1963 Stock, 69½; Great Northern Railway Stock, 35; Coats Ord., 67s.; White, Tomkins and Courage Ord., 26s. 9d.; Branston's Silk (Ord.), 16s. 6d.; Marconis, 38s. 9d.

FIVE PER CENT. TREASURY BONDS.

OFFER REGARDED AS ATTRACTIVE IN LONDON.

The Bank of England is authorised to receive applications for 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds, 1933-35, at £101 per cent. If not previously redeemed, the Bonds will be repaid on February 1, 1935. The right is reserved to redeem the Bonds at par any time after February 1, 1933 on three months' notice. Interest will be paid half-yearly on February and August 1 respectively. A first payment of £1 15s. per £100 will be made on August 1, 1928.

The list for cash applications will be opened on December 29, and closed on January 4, 1928. The list for conversion application which the new issue allows, will be opened forthwith, and closed on January 11.

Commenting on the conversions permitted under the new issue, the Press Association's City Correspondent says:—The first impressions in the city were quite favourable to the Government's latest offer of conversion to holders of maturing securities. The terms involve a bonus in new Stock of about ten shillings per cent. to holders of National War Bonds maturing in September next. It is considered the offer should prove attractive enough to induce a considerable amount of conversion, and also a moderate volume of subscription of new money for the Treasury Bonds. Such a result is necessary, for the total of National War Bonds falling due for repayment in September is the large one of approximately £198,000,000. An attempt has evidently been made in devising the scheme to render the new Bonds additionally attractive by giving holders conversion rights into 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan, which was first created a year ago to deal with securities then falling due for redemption.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ASSOCIATED BELTING.—Interim dividend on the 10/- each fully-paid Preference Shares at rate of 10 per cent. per annum.

BRITISH DRUG HOUSES.—Usual quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent. on Preference Shares

C. W. RANDALL AND CO.—Dividend on Ordinary amounting to £10,000, a part dividend at rate of 4 per cent. on Cumulative Participating Preference, making a total of 12 per cent. for year, and an additional dividend on Ordinary amounting to £9,000.

EDISON SWAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD.—A dividend of 7½ per cent. on Preference Shares, a dividend of 10 per cent. on Ordinary Shares, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £31,902 13/9.

EAST POOL AND AGAR, LTD.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., less tax, declared on the Preference Shares.

EAST INDIA DISTILLERIES AND SUGAR FACTORIES, LTD.—Further dividend of 3½ per cent. on Preference, and dividend of 10 per cent. on Ordinary Shares. (Same.)

EAGLE STAR AND BRITISH DOMINIONS INSURANCE.—Final quarterly interim of 5 per cent., less tax, on Ordinary.

FOUNDATION CO.—Dividend on Cumulative Participating Preference at rate of 8 per cent. per annum, less tax.

FALKIRK IRON.—Interim dividend of 4 per cent. actual, less tax, on Ord. (Last year 5 per cent.)

GEORGE BASSETT AND CO.—Interim dividend of 7½ per cent., less tax.

JOHN BARRAN AND SONS.—Dividend of 6 per cent., free of tax, on Ordinary.

JOHN SHANNON AND SON.—Dividend on Preferred Ordinary at rate of 7½ per cent. per annum from dates on which such shares were paid for to October 31st last, and paying £1,854 by way of further dividend, which, in terms of Articles, is divided equally among Preference Ordinary and Deferred Ordinary Shares.

NAHALMA TEA.—Interim dividend of 3 per cent. actual, less tax.

NOVOCKETE AND CEMENT PRODUCTS.—Directors deem it advisable to ask shareholders for authority to issue Debentures up to £20,000, as and when required. Profit and loss account shows an adverse balance of £35,774.

ONVERWACHT PLATINUM, LTD.—An interim dividend of 5 per cent. declared for the period ending 31st of December, 1927. Dividend warrants despatched from the London office to persons resident in Great Britain or Northern Ireland will be subject to a deduction of British tax at a rate to be arrived at after allowing for relief in respect of Dominion taxes.

PANAWAL TEA.—Interim dividend of 7½ per cent. actual, less tax.

PLASMON.—Interim dividend on the Ord. of 5 per cent. actual for half-year to 30th September. (Same.)

RIBON VALLEY NIGERIA TINFIELDS, LTD.—Interim dividend of 7½ per cent., less tax, declared.

RILEY, COVENTRY.—Report for year ended July 31, 1927, states that profit amounts to £3,337; adding balance of £10,970 brought forward there is an available balance of £14,307, which directors recommend be carried forward to next year.

SELANGOR UNITED RUBBER.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent. actual. (Last year interim was 10 per cent.)

SELETAR RUBBER.—Dividend of 10 per cent., less tax. (Against 14 2-7 per cent.)

UNITED STRIP AND BAR MILLS.—Directors in their report for the year ended June 30, 1927, disclose a trading loss of £29,602. They state output has shown a steady increase. There is, however, keenest Continental competition.

BRITISH ROPES.

In their report for the year to 31st August, 1927, the directors of British Ropes, a company which, with an issued capital of £3,155,453, controls several wire, and fibre rope manufacturing concerns, intimate that the Preference dividend due 1st January next will not be paid. Revenue, comprising dividends received, totalled £33,195, as against £57,627 last year, and after meeting interest charges the Preference dividend to 31st December, 1926, is provided, and £9,738 carried forward, compared with £21,999 brought in.

COMPANY MEETING.

MARCONI'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

SUCCESS OF THE BEAM SYSTEM.

The thirtieth ordinary general meeting of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen street, London, W.C.

The Right Hon. Lord Inverforth, P.C., Chairman of the company, presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. F. G. Kellaway, P.C., Deputy Chairman and managing director; Mr. F. R. S. Balfour, D.L., J.P.; Sir Charles C. Barrie, K.B.E.; Sir Frederick J. Barthorpe, D.L.; Mr. P. A. Cooper, Major H. Lefroy, J.P.; Mr. J. F. O'Malley, F.R.C.S.; Mr. Lorcan G. Sherlock, LL.D.; Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., M.P.; and the Right Hon. Lord Wester-Wemyss, G.C.B., C.M.G.

There were also in attendance Sir Gilbert Garnsey, K.B.E., F.C.A. (Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Co.), and Mr. F. H. Chance and Mr. G. C. Blagden (Messrs. Coward, Chance and Co., the solicitors).

The Secretary, Mr B. O. Collis, F.C.I.S., having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors,

The Chairman said—Ladies and gentlemen, this is the first opportunity I have had of addressing you as your Chairman, but before proceeding to deal with the position of the company I feel it incumbent upon me to refer to the absence of our President, Senatore Marconi, who, I am sorry to say, has not sufficiently recovered from his illness to be with us to-day. I am glad to be able to inform you, however, that he is making satisfactory progress, and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Probably the best tonic that Senatore Marconi can have is the knowledge that the Beam system, for which he, with his devoted assistant, Mr. Franklin, are responsible, has now come into its own, and, as you will have gathered from what has appeared in the newspapers, has completely changed the whole aspect of world telegraphic communications.

THE ACCOUNTS.

On the credit side of the profit and loss account is shown an amount of £325,143, representing the balance of general trading and revenue account after the deduction of all items properly charged against it. There are, however, one or two items to which your attention should be particularly directed. Royalties show a satisfactory increase over the figures for 1925. Traffic receipts have increased by approximately £37,000. On the expenditure side, the expenses at Marconi House and of foreign agencies show a reduction of over £50,000, or approximately 20 per cent. of the expenditure for 1925. I may say here with all sincerity that, with the knowledge that I and the other new directors have obtained during our short connection with the company, it reflects great credit on your managing director. With regard to the balance sheet, taking the debit side first, it will be seen that from the share capital has been deducted the balance of the suspense account, which has the effect of reducing the nominal value of the ordinary shares to 10s. each fully paid, in accordance with the resolutions passed by the shareholders and sanctioned by order of Court.

With reference to the next item, "6½ convertible ten-year first debenture stock," it will be seen that the company has purchased and cancelled during the year under review debenture stock to the value of £75,453, making the total amount cancelled at the 31st December, 1926, £218,411, leaving £1,281,589 still outstanding at that date. In this connection I desire to draw your attention to the heavy burden which this debenture stock imposes on the company. You will observe that in addition to finding cash to pay the debenture interest, amounting to £83,939, it is necessary to make an annual cash payment of £75,000 for the purpose of purchasing stock for cancellation. This makes a total of approximately £160,000 for the year, the provision of which depletes the company's cash resources to that extent, and is set aside before any dividend can be paid to the shareholders.

Sundry creditors, £914,295—A considerable portion of this item represents a reserve in respect of taxation which is still under discussion with the Revenue authorities, trade creditors forming a comparatively small part of the figure.

Turning to the credit side of the balance sheet, the first two items—namely, cash and investments—show a decrease of £356,018. As stated in our report, this decrease is largely due to expenditure incurred during 1926 in connection with the erection of beam stations. This expenditure will be partly recoverable in 1927 and 1928 under the terms of payment set out in the various contracts entered into. At the present time cash, War Loan and Treasury bills stand at approximately £800,000.

Sundry debtors show an increase of approximately £200,000 at the 31st December, 1926. This arises from the general increase in the company's business. All these debts are good and collectable.

Stocks and contracts in progress show an increase of approximately £300,000. This increase is due to expenditure mainly incurred in connection with the company's work on beam stations. This work is practically completed.

HOLDINGS AND ADVANCES.

Holdings in and advances to associated companies show a small decrease as compared with the figure for 1925. I should, however, mention that we have increased our holdings chiefly in the Indian, Australian and South American companies, and have made further advances to our Canadian, South African and Portuguese companies. The advances to our South African and Portuguese companies will be exchanged into shares at a later date. The advances made to the Canadian company have already been converted into shares. These shares have been sold, and largely account for the improvement in your company's cash position. I shall refer to this sale later in my speech. It will be of interest to you to know that we have received messages from the Indian and South African companies showing that their gross traffic receipts are largely in excess of their working expenses, which will leave a balance for distribution as dividends to this company. This is a satisfactory position when we remember the short time the beam stations have been working in these two countries. As pointed out in our report, the actual results will not be reflected in your company's accounts before 1928.

THE DIVIDEND.

I come now to the question of the dividend of 6d. per share, less tax, which the directors have recommended. The Board gave careful consideration to this question. They realise that the dividend represents a small return, but, for reasons which I believe will commend themselves to the shareholders, they did not feel justified in making a larger distribution. As was pointed out in the directors' report, £75,000 of the profits of the year have been transferred to a debenture redemption account, and it is the intention of the Board to continue this policy so long as the debenture remains in existence. Shareholders will realise that, as a result of adopting this policy, the company are in effect making an appropriation to a reserve which can be transferred to a general reserve account when the debenture is finally redeemed or cancelled. The debenture issue was made in November, 1922. During the currency of this debenture and up to the present day a sum of £751,758 has been taken from the cash resources of your company, of which £450,269 represents interest and £301,489 cost of cancellation.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME PRACTICALLY COMPLETED.

The company's construction programme, which was commenced in 1925, is now practically completed. In addition to the beam stations which have been erected for the Post Office and for our associated companies in Canada, Australia, South Africa and India, the company has erected beam stations for communication with North and South America. The provision of stations for the Portuguese company has involved an expenditure of some £350,000; the Portuguese concession was obtained by your company early in 1922.

In considering the advisability of forming national wireless telegraph companies abroad regard must be had not only to the direct revenue obtainable by those companies but to the part they are able to play in connection with the distribution of world traffic.

Your company has formed a wireless telegraph company in Egypt, in connection with which it has bought the Post Office station at Abu Zabal. The transfer of this station to your company will take place on 15th January next, and the wireless services will then be carried on by our associated company. The expenditure in connection with the Egyptian company will be approximately £180,000. The company has been formed with a capital of that amount, of which one-third has been subscribed by a powerful Egyptian group. The balance of the capital of the Egyptian company will be taken up by your company. With the modernising of the Egyptian station, combined with the important strategic position which Egypt occupies, your directors anticipate that the Egyptian company should form an important line in the company's world-wide telegraphic organisation. In partnership with the Radio Corporation of America, we have reorganised the wireless services of Colombia, and a direct service between Bogota and New York was opened on the 26th August, 1927, and is now carrying a considerable volume of traffic.

Your company, in combination with the American, French and German wireless companies, has a large holding in the wireless telegraph companies in the Argentine and Brazil. The Argentine company is already on a paying basis. The Brazilian company, which commenced operations at a later date, is showing improving results, and, with the opening of the beam services, the situation should steadily improve.

The Austrian and Swiss companies, both of which were originally formed by the Marconi Company, and in which your company still has a substantial shareholding, are both showing satisfactory results.

Taken as a whole, the position of the wireless telegraph companies with which the parent company is associated is satisfactory and improving. In the South African and Indian companies we have at present investments which should yield a reasonable return to the parent company. I do not at the moment wish to say more than that. The Indian and South African companies have only been working for a short time, but on the results to date we have every reason for optimism. Your company hold about 17 per cent. of the total capital of the Australian company, in which the Australian Government has a majority holding.

PERU AND BOLIVIA.

Shareholders are aware that for some years we have administered the Peruvian Post Office, with results that have been satisfactory both to the Peruvian Government and to ourselves. Our work has been repeatedly recognised by His Excellency Senor Don Augusto B. Leguia, the President of Peru.

During the year 1927 your company has taken over, on behalf of the Bolivian Government, the administration and control of the postal, telegraphic and radio telegraphic services. The contract is for a period of twenty years, and our remuneration is by way of a percentage from the gross receipts of the services and a percentage from the profits. Representatives of your company, who are experienced in postal and telegraphic matters, are now in Bolivia, and have prepared a scheme for a thorough reorganisation of the local services. Although we have only been in control for a few months, considerable improvements have already been effected in the conduct of the services. Substantial economies have been made, and we are confident of being able to produce results as satisfactory as those which have followed our administration of postal service in Peru.

THE CANADIAN COMPANY.

The shareholders are aware that your company has come to an arrangement with Lazard Bros. and Co., Ltd., under which we have disposed of our holding in the Canadian Company. Payment for our shares in the Canadian Company has been received largely in cash and the balance in shares in a holding company which has been formed to control the policy of the Canadian Company. Safeguards have been taken to secure that the control of the Canadian Company will remain in British hands. With the shares which we hold in the holding company, in addition to having a voice in the policy of the Canadian Company, the shareholders will benefit as soon as the Canadian Company itself is in a position to pay dividends.

PROGRESS OF BUSINESS.

The directors' report informs you that the general business of the company has made satisfactory progress. I am glad to be able to say that the total orders for the first eleven months of 1927 were substantially in excess of the total orders for the whole of last year. On this subject I should like to add a word of caution. The accounts for 1927 will not reflect the full benefit of this increase in the orders received by the company, since a substantial portion of those orders will not be completed until some time in 1928. It is widely supposed that your company has a monopoly in the supply of wireless apparatus. This is not so. Both in this country and abroad your company is in active competition with a number of powerful companies. We can only succeed in obtaining orders if the quality of the stations which we supply is as good as or better than those of our competitors, and our price is competitive. In spite of the competition with which we are faced in all parts of the world it is satisfactory to be able to say that we are securing a large and an increasing proportion of the world's wireless business. During the past year we have supplied three broadcasting stations to Japan, two to India, one to Italy, one to Sweden, and one to Austria, and we have recently obtained an order for a broadcasting station for Czecho Slovakia. Those of you who have receiving sets of sufficient power, no doubt, frequently listen to the broadcasting from the Continent, and I am sure that you will agree that the stations which are broadcasting from Motala in Sweden, from Milan in Italy, from Berne in Switzerland, from Brussels in Belgium, or from Madrid in Spain, are equal, if not better, in the quality of their transmission than anything which is supplied by any of our competitors.

EMPIRE BROADCASTING.

In connection with Empire broadcasting, a short wave experimental transmitting station has been erected by your company for the British Broadcasting Corporation at our Chelmsford Works, where the experimental 5XX and 5GB stations of the B.B.C. were originally tried out. Our technical staff are also collaborating with the B.B.C. regarding the value of spaced aerials for minimising fading in connection with Empire broadcast reception on short waves. This work is being carried out on a site near our Chelmsford Works. At the present time your company is engaged in installing a new wireless station for the Air Ministry at Croydon. This will be the most modern and efficient aircraft wireless station in any part of the world. I. is now almost completed.

An interesting development of your company's activities during the last two years has been in connection with the gramophone business. In conjunction with the Vocalion Company, a process of gramophone disc cutting has been developed, with results that have been satisfactory both to your company and the gramophone company. We have also, in collaboration with another well-known gramophone company, the British Brunswick Company, developed an electric gramophone which has perfect qualities of reproduction. Your company is receiving royalties in respect of this business.

BEAM TELEPHONY.

At the last shareholders' meeting Senatore Marconi referred to the use of the beam stations for telephony as well as telegraphy, and also for facsimile telegraphy. The technical staff of the company are constructing the special telephone apparatus, and preparations are now being made for beam telephone trials on a commercial scale. I do not wish shareholders to under-estimate the difficulties in the way of an early solution of this problem, but the results so far have been distinctly encouraging. I hope it will not be long before it will be possible, by means of the beam circuits, to give an efficient commercial telephone service between this country and each of the Dominions and India now served by the beam system. In this connection I read with much gratification the statement made to the Australian Parliament by the Australian Postmaster-General, that "they were nearing the time when wireless telephony between Australia and Great Britain would be a practical proposition. That could only be possible, however, on a beam or low power system."

On the subject of sending telegrams in facsimile I am glad to say that progress has been made. Under this system the telegrams are handed in over the counter, are placed in the transmitting machine without any stopping or special adjusting, and are reproduced simultaneously at the other end of the circuit. The facsimile process is equally applicable to the transmission of pictures, diagrams, cheques, machine drawings, and the like.

The principal work on which your technical staff has been engaged has been the perfection of Senatore Marconi's beam system. The brilliant results which have crowned that work are now known to the whole world. When Senatore Marconi first advocated the beam system the technical wireless world was not only sceptical but in many quarters his claims were received with derision.

The practical working of the beam stations we have supplied for the Imperial chain has proved that Senatore Marconi was right and his critics were wrong. To-day all the great wireless companies are installing Senatore Marconi's beam system or some modification of it.

COST OF BEAM DEVELOPMENT.

In connection with the expenditure on beam development, your company has had to wait a considerable time before seeing the results. The development took much longer than was at one time anticipated, but the results of the delay have been to make the system more effective. In this connection I think I ought to refer to the fact that the contract made by this company with the Post Office in July, 1924, for the erection of the beam stations has involved us in a substantial loss. The contract provided for a maximum price. As a result of changes which we found to be advantageous whilst the stations were being erected, that maximum price has been largely exceeded. Everyone connected with the Government will agree that the beam stations are giving a much finer service than was anticipated. How efficient that service is has been sufficiently demonstrated by the fact that the Government is now considering the effect of beam competition on the revenue of the State-owned cable services.

WIRELESS v. CABLES.

Shareholders will have seen in the newspapers that there has been a great deal of discussion of the relations between wireless and the cables. We were not anxious to embark upon any public discussion of this question, but responsible directors of the cable companies made a number of communications to the Press and issued an official statement to the effect that they had approached the Government, and that the Government were considering the future relations of cables and wireless. As the interests of your company might be vitally affected by any decision taken by the Government, we considered it was necessary to issue an official statement setting out your company's point of view, and calling attention to the fact that your company had not been invited to take part in the discussions. I am quite confident that no action will be taken which will in any way hamper the development of the wireless telegraph services of the Empire. The question of wireless and cables is in some quarters treated as if it were exclusively a question of strategic safety or proper provision for a state of war. In my judgment, great as is the importance of seeing that the Empire is provided with the best communications in the event of war, it is no less important to the merchants and the whole business community that we should have available a system of communication which gives the cheapest and most reliable facilities for the rapid exchange of business, Press and social messages. If the beam system is able to carry trade telegrams more cheaply than any other system can do, then nothing must be done to take away that advantage from the trading interests of the Empire.

A PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANY.

I regard your company as being a public utility company in the very highest sense of the expression. In this connection I should like to urge shareholders of this company to see that any telegraphic messages they have to send are sent via Marconi or via Empiradio, and to give instructions to this effect to those in their employ who deal with overseas telegrams. Our telegraph services are showing a satisfactory growth, and we are improving our arrangements for the collection of traffic. Additional offices are being opened to meet the growing demand.

I should like to invite shareholders to visit Radio House, our central telegraph office, in Wilson street, E.C. They will see there traffic coming in from and going out to most of the European countries and to North and South America. Having visited that office I am quite certain that they will see that their telegraphic communications for countries overseas are sent via Marconi.

During last year on our own services we carried over 27,303,461 words. These are, of course, in addition to those carried by the post office and by our associated companies over the beam services.

I should like, on behalf of the board, and perhaps more particularly on behalf of the new members of the board, to make a reference to the staff of the company, both at home and abroad. Speaking for the new members of the board, I would say that, although we have only been associated with your company for a few months, we have been impressed by the personality as well as by the devotion of the staff, technical and administrative.

Before I sit down I think the meeting will be interested to know that, according to the official figures supplied by the scrutineers, your board have received proxies for 1,025,056 shares, and Mr. Nordon has received proxies for 55,147 shares. (Cheers.) I now have pleasure in moving:—"That the report of the directors submitted, together with the annexed statement of the company's accounts at 31st December, 1926, duly audited, be received, approved and adopted." I will call upon Mr. Kellaway to second that resolution. (Applause.)

The Right Hon. F. G. Kellaway, P.C., Deputy Chairman and Managing Director, seconded the resolution.

Mr. C. L. Nordon then attempted to address the meeting, but a shareholder, rising to a point of order, requested the Chairman to take the feeling of the meeting as to whether Mr. Nordon should be heard.

This having been duly seconded, the Chairman put it to the vote, and declared the result to be that the meeting was not in favour of hearing Mr. Nordon further.

THE 1925 PROSPECTUS.

Mr. Henry Morgan said that at the last annual meeting of the company somewhat severe criticisms had arisen in regard to the 1925 prospectus, and the charge had been made that it contained statements which were misleading and untrue. As one of those responsible for that prospectus, he had declared at that meeting that there was no foundation for such suggestions, and that the statements in that prospectus were thoroughly justified by the circumstances within the knowledge of the Board at the time of issue. He once more declared emphatically that the 1925 prospectus was a true and honest one, and he was prepared to prove it if necessary. He wished to say a few words about the suicidal agitation which was going on at the present time. A most critical moment had been reached, when it must be obvious that important negotiations must be taking place with Governments all over the world and with great commercial bodies. He thought that Mr. Nordon was actuated by genuinely sincere consideration, but he must see that the continuance of his agitation in the circumstances could operate only to damage seriously the interests of the company. (Hear, hear.)

It was not possible to effect a composition of any differences existing then. He would say that the interests of the shareholders demanded that all agitations should cease—(hear, hear)—during the present critical period for the company, and, indeed, until the new Board had proved whether it was capable of directing the destinies of this great company, and of properly protecting the interests of its shareholders. (Applause.)

The resolution was carried, with one dissentient, and the dividend recommended was approved.

The Managing Director then moved:—"That the Right Hon. Lord Inverforth, P.C.; Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., M.P.; the Right Hon. Lord Wester Wemyss, G.C.B., C.M.G.; Sir Charles Coupar Barrie, K.B.E.; Mr. F. R. S. Balfour, D.L., J.P.; Mr. P. A. Cooper, Mr. Lorcan G. Sherlock, LL.D.; and Sir Frederick J. Barthorpe, D.L., the directors retiring in accordance with Article 74, be re-elected directors of the company. That Major H. Lefroy, J.P., the director retiring in accordance with Article 81, be re-elected a director of the company."

This was seconded by Mr. J. F. O'Malley, F.R.C.S., and carried, with eight dissentients.

On the motion of Mr. Henry Morgan, seconded by Mr. C. Withy, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse, and Co., and Messrs. Kemp, Chatteris, Nichols, Sendell, and Co., were re-appointed auditors.

The proceedings then terminated.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Atlas, 25⅝, 7 1/32, 7/16; Caledonian, 16 7/16; Commercial Union, 26¼, ⅛, ⅜, ½; Employers' Liability, 73/6, 9d., 3/3, 2/3; General Accident, 8½; Licenses and General, 80/-, 1/9, 3d., 80/3, 1/-; London and Lancashire, 26 5/16; London Assurance, 11⅝; North British, 29½; Northern Assurance, 14⅝, 7/16; Royal Exchange, 14⅛; Sun Insurance, 30, ⅜, ¼, £30 6/6; United British Preference (x.d.), 19 1½; World Auxiliary, 26/3, 6d., 7/-.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL:—Alliance, 18½; ditto New, 19½, ½; Atlas, 23½; Caledonian, 16⅝; Commercial Union, 26 7/16; Employers' Liability, 73/-; General Accident, 7 7/16; Guardian, 9 1/16; London and Lancashire, 26 3/16; London Assurance, 11 9/16; North British, 29 7/16, 7/16; Northern, 14⅛, 9/16; Royal Exchange, 7 7/16; Royal Insurance, 35⅞, 7, ⅛; World Auxiliary, 26/10½.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors usually easier, but Standards recovering, and Napiers good. Enfields and Triumphs weakened. Austins dull, Guys 6d. lower, Dunlops firm. Austins, 21/4½; ditto Preferred, 12/6; Bluemels, 58/-; Components, 7/7½; Dennis, 9⅛; S.T.D., 6/3; Enfields, 25/-; Guys, 29/-; Humbers, 23/3; Lucas, 87/-; Napiers, 68/9; Rolls, 32/6; Rovers, 8/-; Singer, 62/4½; Standards, 15/-; Triumphs, 23/-; Dunlops, 34/-; Parent Deferred, 36/-.

MANCHESTER.—Another good market in Textiles, and further advances. Bleachers, 36/6-37/-; Calicos, 26/-26/6; Dyers, 49/-50/-; Cottons, 49/-50/-; Spinners, 49/6-50/6; "Slubbers," 8/-8/3; Coats, 66/6-67/-; Velvets, 22/9-23/3; Courtaulds, 7¾-7 15/16; Dunlops, 33/3-33/9; Amalgamated Cottons, 4/3-4/6; Hoyles, 19/6-20/-; Nuera Silk, 34/9; ditto Deferred, 26/3; Celanese, 93/-; ditto Preference, 34/3.

LATEST CLOSI[NG PRICES]

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closi[ng]
Consols	54½
Do. 4%	86¼
War Loan, 3½%	100⅝
Do. 4½%	95½
Do. 5%	100⅞
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	100¾
Funding Loan	87
Victory Bonds	93¾
3½% Conversion Loan	76
4½% Conversion Loan	96
5½ Treasury Bonds	100½
Irish Land 2¾%	57½
India 3%	61½
Do. 3½%	71½
Do. 4½%	92
Do. 5½%	100½
Local Loans	63½
Sudan 5½%	106

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STO[CKS]

Australian Com. 5%	98
Do. do. 6%	102
British Col. 4½, 1941	94
Canada 4%, 1940-60	90
Cape 3½ Cons.	79
Ceylon 6%	105
New South Wales 4½%, 1935-45 ...	89
Do. do. 5%, 1945-65	97
Do. do. 6½%, 1930-40	103
New Zealand 4%, '29	97
Do. 5%, 1946	100
Nigeria 6%	111
Queensland 5½%, '1926-29	99
Do. 6%, '30-40	102
South Africa 5% 1933-43	99
Do. 6%	101
South Australian 5%, 1932-42	98
Do. 6½%	103
Victoria 5%, 1932-42	98
Do. 5%, 1945-75	97
Western Australia 5%, 1935-45	97
Do. do. 6%, 1930-40	100

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	7¾
Bank of Australasia	14¼
*Bank of England	254
Bank of Montreal	66½
Bank of New South Wales	42
Do. New Zealand	2 15/16
Barclay's "A" Shares	7⅞
British Overseas	5½
Canadian of Commerce	55
Chartered of India	20¾
Hong Kong and Shanghai	119½
Lloyds	62 6
Midland	9 5/16
National Discount "B"	9¼
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	13½
Royal of Canada	67
Standard of South Africa	14½
Union of Australia	14½
Westminster Bank	18 15/16

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Dec. 19.

101¾	Argentine 5 p.c., 1886..	100
85¼	Do. 4 p.c. Recissions	86
94½	Do. 5 p.c., 1910	94
99	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar....	99
107¼	Belgian 7 p.c.	107
—	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds, '97	95¾
92	Do Funding 1903 ...	94
82¼	Do. 5 p.c. do. 1914...	82
88½	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896 ...	88
66½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898 ..	67
38½	Do 5 p.c., 1912	38
108	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds...	107
84¼	Egyptian Unified	84
16¼	French Loan	16
12½	Do. 4 p.c., ...	12
103¼	German 7 p.c.	103
97¼	Greek 7 p.c.	98
19	Italian Rentes	18½
94½	Japan 4 p.c. 1905	94
97	Do 6 p.c., 1924	97
39	Mexican 5 p.c., '99........	40
42	Do. 6 p.c. 10 Y. Treas	42
14½	Peruvian Corporation ...	15¼
54½	Do. Pref	52½
103	Do. Deb	102
90	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	89¾
38	Portuguese 3 p.c.	38½
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	76
23⅞	Turkish Unified	23¼
69½	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	69

BRITISH RAILS.

93	Great Western	95
—	Do Cons. Pref.	97
73	Ldn., Mid. & Scot Ord	74½
—	Do 4 p.c. Pref.	74¼
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red Pref.	95
—	Do 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	72
40½	Ldn. North-East 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	43
16	Do Def Ord.	17¼
—	Do 4 p.c. 1st Pref....	69¾
—	Do 4 p.c. 2nd Pref....	64½
64	Metropolitan	68½
63½	Do. District	65½
72½	Southern Pref. Ord......	73½
36	Do. Def Ord	37
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	90
19/3	Underground Elec. (£1)	19 0
105½	Do. Income Bonds......	106

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAI[LS]

84½	Antofagasta	82
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.....	91
—	Bahia Blanca Guar Stk	82
108¼	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn	108
91¾	Buenos Ayres Pacific ..	92
90¾	Buenos Ayres and W.	91
—	Canadian National Guar.	65
219	Canadian Pacific	217
94¾	Central Argentine	95
86	Do. Def.	86½
82½	Central Uruguay	83
33½	Cordoba Central	34
88	Do 1st Pref.	88
55	Do. 2nd Pref.	55
76½	Entre Rios	76
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum Pref.	92½
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar	82
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp Deb	82
—	Interntl. of Cent. Amer.	38½
57¾	Leopoldina	58½
5	Mexican Rails	4½
15	Do 8 p.c. Pref	14
8	Do 6 p.c. Pref.	7
188½	San Paulo Ord	187
67	United Havana	65

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	198
—	Chesapeake	210
—	Chicago Milwaukee	17
62½	Erie	66
—	Do. 1st Pref.	64
—	New York Ontario	33
—	Pennsylvania	66
149	Southern Common	148
—	Southern Pacific	127
198½	Union Pacific	197

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERI[ES]

25 0	Allsopp £1 Shares	1 3/16
65 9	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	3¼
81 0	City of London Ord.	4
62 6	Courage Ord.	3 3/16
58/9	Distillers Ord.	2 15/16
465	Guinness Ord.	460
71 6	Hoare and Co.	3 9/16
73 3	Ind Coope Ord.	3⅝
55/6	South African Breweries	2 11/16
21/0	Walker (John) Pref	23 0
275	Watney, Combe Def.	273

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	2 23/32
25 9	Charing Cross	25 3
—	Chelsea Ord.	25 3
30/0	City of London	29 6
28 6	County of London	27 9
—	Lancashire	26 0
24 9	London Electric	24 3
29 7½	Metropolitan	29 0
23 0	Newcastle	1 5/32
26 0	St. James's	26 0
—	South London	24 9
25 9	Westminster	25 3
—	Whitehall Electric Pref.	21 1½

REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD.

33/0	Aerated Bread	31 0
41/0	Bovril Def	43 3
5/9	Crosse and Blackwell ...	5/0
4	Home & Colonial Stores..	3 15/16
14 6	Lipton	14 0
27 0	Lovell and Christmas ...	1¼
4 1/16	Lyons (J.)	3 15/16
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref. ..	20 3
5/7½	Maypole Def	5 7½
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat ...	2 5/32
2½	Spratt's Patent	2⅛
3⅞	Van Den Berghs	3 11/16
—	Do. Pref.	5

IRON AND STEEL.

2/9	Armstrong (W. G.)	2 10½
11/0	Brown (John)	10 9
7/3	Cammell Laird	7 0
12 6	Cargo Fleet	12 3
54 6	Cory (William)	54 0
9 9	Dorman Long	10 0
6	Mond Nickel	6⅞
6 0	Pease and Partners	6 3
38/9	South Durham Steel ...	1 15/16
30/0	Siemens	29/6
4 0	United Steel	3 6
11/4½	Vickers Ord.	11 7½

LAND.

30/0	Argentine Land Invest...	1⅞
27/6	Do Southern Land ...	1 5/16
7 9	B.N.B. Land	7 9
28 6	Forestal Land	28 4½
4 9/16	Hudson's Bay Ord.	4 9/16
1 7/16	Hyderabad Deccan	1⅝
4/6	Pekin Syndicate	3 9
4 1/16	Sudan Plantations	3 15/16

NEWSPAPERS.

9 5/16	Assd Newspapers Def...	9¼
3⅜	Allied News Ord	3 7/16
—	Amal. Press (New)	25/3
95 0	Daily Mail Trust	94 7½
8⅝	Daily Mirror Ord.	8⅝
—	Illustrated Newspapers..	1⅛
4 15/16	Sunday Pictorial Ord ..	4¾

NITRATES.

8	Alianza	7½
13/0	Lagunas Nitrate	13 0
4 5/16	Lautaro Nitrate	4¼
1	Liverpool Nitrate	⅞
26/0	New Tamarugal	25 0
14/6	Rosario Nitrate	14 0
22 0	Santiago Nitrate	1 1/16
8/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	7/6

OILS.

3⅞	Anglo-American	3 29/32
1 5/32	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅛
1 23/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"........	1 21/32
3¼	Anglo-Persian Ord........	3 5/16
27/0	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.....	26 9
28/3	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.....	28 1½
97½	Do. 5 p.c. Deb........	97
2⅛	Apex Trinidad (5 - shares)	2 5/32
28 3	Attock	1 11/32
14 10½	British Borneo Pet. (10 -) ...	14 9
7/6	British Burmah (8/-)	7 1½
4/3	British Controlled	4 9
6 6	Do. Pref.	7 0
4 7/16	Burmah	4 15/32
26 9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	26 6
1/10½	Caltex	1 9
2 1/32	Creole Synd	1 31/32
5 15/16	Eagle Transport Pref........	5 13/16
10/0	Kern River (10/-)	9 9
4½	Lago (no par value)........	3⅞
3½	Lobitos	3 17/32
15 4½	Mexican Eagle	15 9
15/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	15 6
17 6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.	17 9
3/6	North Caucasian (10 -)	3 0
5/4½	Omnium	5 0
—	Pan-American "B"	$42
18 0	Phoenix Oil	17 9
9 3	Do. 1/- shares........	8 9
29⅛	Royal Dutch	29⅝
4 5/32	Shell Transport........	4 5/32
9 11/16	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅝
25 0	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	25 10½
0/10½	Spies (2/-)	0/10½
11/6	Steaua Romana	11 9
8/3	Tankers Pref	8 1½
4/6	Trinidad Central	3 9
3 15/16	Trinidad Leasehold	4¼
10 0	United Brit. Trinidad........	10 1½
2 6	Ural Caspian........	2 0
3¼	V.O.C. Holdings	3 9/32
3 3/32	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	3 1/16

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.		Rise or fall.
Consols	54½	55	
Do. 4%	86¼	86½	
War Loan, 3½%	100⅝	100⅞	
Do. 4½%	95½	96½	
Do. 5%	100⅞	101⅛	
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	100⅝	101¼	
Funding Loan	87	87¼	+ ¼
Victory Bonds	93¾	94¼	
3½% Conversion Loan	76	76¼	+ ⅛
4½% Conversion Loan	96	96½	
5½ Treasury Bonds	100½	101	
Irish Land 2¾%	57½	58½	
India 3%	61½	62½	+ ½
Do. 3½%	71½	72½	+ ½
Do. 4½%	92	93	
Do. 5½%	100½	101½*	
Local Loans	63½	64	
Sudan 5½%	106	108*	

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5%	98	100	
Do. do. 6%	102	104	
British Col. 4½, 1941	94	96	
Canada 4%, 1940-60	90	92	
Cape 3½ Cons.	79	81*	
Ceylon 6%	105	107*	
New South Wales 4½%, 1935-45	89	91	
Do. do. 5%, 1945-65	97	99	
Do. do. 6½%, 1930-40	103	105	
New Zealand 4%, '29	97	99*	
Do. 5%, 1946	100	102	
Nigeria 6%	111	113	
Queensland 5½%, 1926-29	99	101	
Do. 6%, '30-40	102	104	
South Africa 5% 1933-43	99	101	
Do. 6%	101	103	
South Australian 5%, 1932-42	98	100	
Do. 6½%	103	105	
Victoria 5%, 1932-42	98	100	
Do. 5%, 1945-75	97	99	
Western Australia 5%, 1935-45	97	99	
Do. do. 6%, 1930-40	100	102*	

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	7¾	7⅞	
Bank of Australasia	14¼	14⅝	
Bank of England	254	258	
Bank of Montreal	66½	68½	
Bank of New South Wales	42	43*	
Do. New Zealand	2 13/16	2 15/16*	
Barclay's "A" Shares	7⅞	8⅛	
British Overseas	5½	5¾*	
Canadian of Commerce	55	57	
Chartered of India	20¾	21¼	
Hong Kong and Shanghai	119½	122½	
Lloyds	62/6	63/6	
Midland	9 5/16	9 9/16	
National Discount "B"	9¼	9¾	
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	13½	13¾	
Royal of Canada	67	69	+ ½
Standard of South Africa	14½	15	
Union of Australia	14½	15	
Westminster Bank	18 15/16	19 3/16	+ 1/16

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Dec. 19.

M.U.				
101¾	Argentine 5 p.c., 1886	100	102	
85¼	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	86	88	
94½	Do. 5 p.c., 1910	94	96	
99	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.	99	100	+ ½
107¼	Belgian 7 p.c.	107	109	
—	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '97	95¾	96¾	
92	Do. Funding 1908	94	96	
82¼	Do. 5 p.c. do. 1914	82	84	
88½	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	88	90	
66½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	67	69	+1
38½	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	38	41	+1
108	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	107	109	
84¼	Egyptian Unified	84	85	
16¼	French Loan	16	17	
12½	Do. 4 p.c.	12	13*	
103¼	German 7 p.c.	103	105	
97¼	Greek 7 p.c.	98	99	
19	Italian Rentes	18½	20½	
94½	Japan 4 p.c. 1905	94	97	
97	Do. 6 p.c. 1924	97	98	
39	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	40	43	
42	Do. 6 p.c. 10 Y. Treas	42	45	
14½	Peruvian Corporation	15¼	15¾	+ ¼
54½	Do. Pref	52½	53½*	
103	Do. Deb	102	104	
90	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	89¾	91¼	+ ½
—	Portuguese 3 p.c.	38½	40½	+ ½
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	76	80	
23⅞	Turkish Unified	23¼	24¼	
69½	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	69	70	

BRITISH RAILS.

93	Great Western	95	96	
—	Do. Cons. Pref.	97	99	+ ½
73	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	74½	75½	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	74¼	75¼	+ ¼
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	95	98*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	72	73	
40½	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	43	44	
16	Do. Def. Ord.	17¼	17¾	− ¼
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	69¾	70¾	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	64½	65½	
64	Metropolitan	68½	69½	+1
63½	Do. District	65½	66½	+ ½
72½	Southern Pref. Ord.	73½	74½	
35	Do. Def. Ord.	37	38	− ½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	90	92	
19/3	Underground Elec. (£1)	19 0	20 0	
105½	Do. Income Bonds	106	106½	+ ½

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

84½	Antofagasta	82	84	
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	91	93	
—	Bahia Blanca Guar Stk	82	84	+ ½
110¾	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn	108	110	+ ½
91¾	Buenos Ayres Pacific	92	94	+ ½
90¼	Buenos Ayres and W	91	93	+1
—	Canadian National Guar.	65	67*	
219	Canadian Pacific	217	219	−1
94¼	Central Argentine	95	97	+ ½
86	Do. Def.	86½	88½	+ ½
82½	Central Uruguay	82½	84½	+ ½
33½	Cordoba Central	34	36	+ ½
88	Do. 1st Pref.	88	90	
55	Do. 2nd Pref.	55	57	
76½	Entre Rios	76	78	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum Pref.	92½	94½	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar	82	84*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp Deb	82	84*	
—	Internatl. of Cent. Amer.	38½	40½	+ ½
57¾	Leopoldina	58½	60½	
5	Mexican Rails	4½	5½	
15	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	14	16	
8	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	7	9	
188½	San Paulo Ord.	187	190	
67	United Havana	65	67	− ½

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	198	200	
—	Chesapeake	210	212	−1
—	Chicago Milwaukee	17	19	
62½	Erie	66	68	+2
—	Do. 1st Pref.	64	66	+1
—	New York Ontario	33	35	
—	Pennsylvania	64	66	
149	Southern Common	148	150	−1
—	Southern Pacific	127	129	+1
198½	Union Pacific	197	199	

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

25/0	Allsopp £1 Shares	1 5/16	1 5/16	
63/9	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	3¼	3⅜	
81/0	City of London Ord.	4	4⅛	
62/6	Courage Ord.	3 5/16	3 5/16	+ 1/16
58/9	Distillers Ord.	2 15/16	3 1/16	
465	Guinness Ord.	460	480	
71/6	Hoare and Co.	3⅜	3 11/16	
73/3	Ind Coope Ord.	3⅝	3¾	
55/6	South African Breweries	2 13/16	2 15/16*	
21/0	Walker (John) Pref.	23 0	24 0	
275	Watney, Combe Def.	273	278	

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	2 29/32	3 1/32	
25/9	Charing Cross	25 3	26 3	
—	Chelsea Ord.	25 3	26 3	
30/0	City of London	29 6	30 6	
28/6	County of London	27 9	28 9	
—	Lancashire	26 0	28 0	
24 9	London Electric	24 3	25 3	
29 7½	Metropolitan	29 0	30 0	
23 0	Newcastle	1 5/32	1 7/32	
26 0	St. James's	26 0	27 0	
—	South London	24 9	25 9	
25 9	Westminster	25 3	26/3	
—	Whitehall Electric Pref.	21/1½	21/7½	

REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD.

33/6	Aerated Bread	31 0	32 0*	
41 0	Bovril Def.	43 3	44/3	+0/3
5/9	Crosse and Blackwell	5/0	6 0	
4	Home & Colonial Stores	3 15/16	4 5/16	
14 6	Lipton	14 0	15/0	−0/3
27 0	Lovell and Christmas	1¼	1½	
4 1/16	Lyons (J.)	3 15/16	4 5/16	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	20 3	21/3	
5/7½	Maypole Def.	5 7½	5/10½	+0/1½
—	Smithfield Argt. Meat	23/32	25/32	
7½	Spratt's Patent	2⅝	2 5/16	
3⅞	Van Den Berghs	3 11/16	3 13/16	− 1/16
—	Do. Pref.	5	5½	

IRON AND STEEL.

2/9	Armstrong (W. G.)	2/10½	3/4½	+0/4½
11/0	Brown (John)	10 9	11 3	
7/3	Cammell Laird	7 0	7/6	
12 6	Cargo Fleet	12/3	13 3	
54 6	Cory (William)	54 0	55/0	
9 9	Dorman Long	10 0	10/6	
6	Mond Nickel	6⅞	7	− 7/16
6 0	Pease and Partners	6 3	6 9	
38/9	South Durham Steel	1 15/16	2 1/16	
30/0	Siemens	29/6	30 6	
4 0	United Steel	3 6	4 0	
11/4½	Vickers Ord.	11/7½	12 1½	+0/3

LAND.

39 0	Argentine Land Invest	1⅞	2	
27/6	Do Southern Land	1 5/16	1 7/16*	
7 9	B.N.B. Land	7 9	8 9	
28 6	Forestal Land	28 4½	28 7½*	
4 9/16	Hudson's Bay Ord.	4 9/16	4 11/16	
1 7/16	Hyderabad Deccan	1⅜	1½	
4/6	Pekin Syndicate	3 9	4 9	
—	Sudan Plantations	3 15/16	4 1/16	

NEWSPAPERS.

9 5/16	Asad Newspapers Def.	9¼	9⅜	− 1/16
3⅞	Allied News Ord	3 7/16	3 9/16	+ 1/16
—	Amal. Press (New)	25/3	26 3	
95 0	Daily Mail Trust	94 7½	95 7½	+0/4½
8⅝	Daily Mirror Ord.	8⅝	8¾	+ 1/16
—	Illustrated Newspapers	1⅛	1¼*	
4 13/16	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	4¾	4⅞	+ 1/16

NITRATES.

8	Alianza	7½	8½	
13/0	Lagunas Nitrate	13 0	15/0	
—	Lautaro Nitrate	4¼	4⅜	
1	Liverpool Nitrate	⅞	1⅛	
26/0	New Tamarugal	25/0	27 0	
14/6	Rosario Nitrate	14 0	15 0	
22 0	Santiago Nitrate	1 1/16	1 5/16	
8/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	7/6	8/6	

OILS.

3⅞	Anglo-American	3 29/32	3 31/32	
1 5/32	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅛	1 3/16	+ 1/32
1 25/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 21/32	1 25/32	
3¼	Anglo-Persian Ord.	3 3/16	3⅜	+ 5/32
27/0	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	26 9	27/3	
28/3	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	28/1½	28 7½	
97½	Do. 5 p.c. Deb	97	98	
2½	Apex Trinidad (5/- shares)	2 25/32	2 27/32	+ 1/32
28 3	Attock	1 11/32	1 15/32	
14 10½	British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	14 9	15 3	+0 3
7 6	British Burmah (8/-)	7 1½	7 7½	
4 3	British Controlled	4 9	5 0	+0 6
6 6	Do. Pref.	7 0	7/3	+0/6
4 7/16	Burmah	4 15/32	4 17/32	+ 1/16
28 9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	26 6	27 0	
1 1/16	Caltex	1¾	2 0	
2 5/32	Creole Synd	1 31/32	2 1/32	
5 15/16	Eagle Transport Pref.	5 13/16	6 1/16	
10 0	Kern River (10/-)	9 9	10 3	
4½	Lago (no par value)	3⅞	3 15/16	
3 1/2	Lobitos	3 17/32	3 19/32	+ 5/16
15 4½	Mexican Eagle	15 9	16/3	+0/7½
15 0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	15/6	16 0	+0 9
17 6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.	17/9	18 3	+0/6
3 6	North Caucasian (10/-)	3 0	4 0	
5/4½	Omnium	5 0	5 6	−0/1½
—	Pan-American "B"	8 42	8 43	+ 8½
18 0	Phœnix Oil	17/9	18/3	
9 3	Do. 1/- shares	8 9	9 3	
29⅛	Royal Dutch	29⅝	29⅞	+ ¼
4 15/32	Shell Transport	4 15/32	4 17/32	+ 1/16
9 11/16	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅝	9⅞	
26 0	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	25/10½	26/4½	
0/10½	Spies (2/-)	0/10½	1/1½	
11 6	Steaua Romana	11 9	12 3	
8 3	Tankers Pref	8/1½	8/7½	−0 1½
4 6	Trinidad Central	3 9	4 9	
3 15/16	Trinidad Leasehold	4 5/32	4 5/32	+ ⅛
10 0	United Brit. Trinidad	10/1½	10 4½	+0 3
2 6	Ural Caspian	2 0	3 0	
3¼	V.O.C. Holdings	3 3/32	3 11/32	+ 5/32
3 3/32	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	3 3/16	3¼	+ 5/32

RUBBERS.

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2/1½	Amal. Rubber Est.	3/3	+0/1½
2⅛	Anglo-Dutch	49 0	
6/7½	Anglo-Java	6 9	
1 9/16	Anglo-Malay	30 0*	
7 0	Bertam Cons.	7 0†	
5 7½	Bukit Mertajam	3 6†	
2/10½	Bukit Sembawang	3 0	
1 5/32	Grand Central	40/0	
2⅝	Highlands	52 6	
2 15/16	Java Para	58 9	
26/0	Jugra Land	26/3	−0/6
2 11/16	Kapar Para	53/9*	
4¼	Kuala Lumpur	85 0*	
2 5/16	Kuala Muda	47 6*	
2 5/16	Labu	46 3	
2 15/32	Linggi	50 3*	
6/7½	London Asiatic	6 9	
3	Malacca	61 10½*	
4 9	Merliman	4 9*	
1¾	Moorly Valley	35/0	
42/3	Rubber Trust	43 3	+0/6
1⅞	Seafield (New)	36/3†	
2⅛	Sendayan	43 9	
23 0	Straits Rubber	23/1½	
6 0	Sumatra Para	6 0	
2 11/16	Tandjong	52/6	
2 5/16	Tandjong Malim	42/6	
6/9	United Serdang	6 10½	
4 15/16	United Sua Betong	100/0	
19/0	Vallambrosa	19/3†	

Abaco	50 0		Mendaris	33 9	
Allagar	3 3¾		N. Hayoep	1 9*	
Anglo-Sum	81 3	+2/6	N. Hummock	26/10½†	
Bah Lias	48/1½		Pahi (1/8p)	1/9	
Baru (Java)	65 0*		P.P.K. (G'y'n)	26/3	
Batu Tiga	50 0	−2/6	Pataling	30/0	
Bernam Pr'k	37/6		Pegoh	45 0†	
B.N.B.R. Prf.	77½		Pilmoor	48/9*	
Do Def.	152½		Ratanui	32 6	
Broome Sel	22 6*		Rim Malacca	5 0†	
Bukit Kaj'ng	47 6*		Rub. E. Joh'e.	25/7½	
Bukit Rajah	40 0		Sapong	56/10½*	
Ceyln Timb'r	5/10½		Sapumalk'de	31/10½	
Chersonese	3 6		Sedenak	40/0	
Cicely	7/6		Sembilan	67/6*	
Craigielea	2/3		Sepang Sel	22/6	
East Asiatic	3 10½		Serdang C'tl	37/6	
Eastern Trst.	43 0		Singap'e Para	2/1½	
F.M.S. Plant.	62 6		Soember Ajoe	3/7½	
Gadjah	8/3		Strathmore	25/0	
Gen. Ceylon	48 9		Sumatra Con.	33/1½	
Glenbervie	47/6		Sungei K'par.	6/6†	
Glenshiel	21/10½		Sungei Kr.Pf.	41/3	
Golden Hope	38 9	+1/3	Sungei Raya	2/0†	
Insulindo	2/9		Taiping	2/7½	
Java Amal	45/0*		Tamiang	49/4½	
Kepitigalla	2/9		Tawar	2/4½	
Kombok	3/10½		Telogoredjo	60 0	
Kuala Sel	7/4½*		Tempeh	2/7½	
Langkat Sum	32/7½	+0/1½	Timbang Del.	1/9	
Ledbury	48 9*		Toerangie	50 0	
Lendu	23/9		Yam Seng	5 0*	
Manch'r N.B.	35 0†				

SHIPPING.

23/0	Cairn Line	20 0	21 0	+0/6
—	Court Line	30/6	31 6	−0/6
—	Cunard Ord.	25 6	26 6	+0/3
18/3	Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pf	17/0	18/0*	
—	Furness Withy	35 0	36 0*	
—	P. and O. Def.	250	260*	
—	Royal Mail Ord.	73	78*	

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	51¼*		Galaha Ceylon	65 0	
Assam Co.	44 6		Imperial	62 3*	
Assam Consol.	21/3		Jotinga Valley	62 6*	
Assam Front'r	30 9		Jhanzie	3 5/32*	
Bog'wantl'awa	80 0		Jokai	5 9/16*	
Borelli	6		Jorehaut	5⅛	
Brahmapootra	42		Kanan Devan	53¼*	
Brit. Indian	90 0*		Lanka	50/7½	−1/4½
Budla Beta	6¾		Lebong	88 1½*	
Ceylon Plant	6¼	+1/32	Langla	29 0	−0/6
Ceylon Prop	66/7½		Makum	52 1½*	
Chargola	26/0*		Moabund	57 6	
Chubwa	5⅝*		Nedeem	76 3*	
Chulsa	79 9*		New Dimbula	7	
Con. Tea & L.	38½*		Nuwara Eliya	6 1/16	− 1/16
Darjeeling Co.	55 10½*		Ouvah	72 6	
Do. Consol.	70 9*		Peacock & Nil.	4 7½	
Deundi	32/4½	+0/1½	Pabbojan	7 9/32	
Dima	7 15/16		Pundaloya	85 0	
Dimbula Val.	76/10½		Rosebaugh Cey	48 3	
Dooars	90/7½*		Scottish Assam	51 3	
Doom Dooma	91/3*		Scot. T. & La.	61/3	−1/3
E. Assam	94/6*		Singlo	78 1½	
East Produce	5 7/16		Travancore	91/3	
Empire	61/10½*		Up. Assam	68 0	

TEXTILES AND STORES.

4/6	Amalgamated Cotton	4 4½	4/10½	
36/6	Bleachers	36 3	37 3	+0/3
48/0	Bradford Dyers	50 3	51 3	+2/0
16/0	Branston Ord.	16 6	17 0	+0/6
8/0	Do. Def. (fully paid)	½	9/16	+1/7½
4⅛	British Celanese Ord.	4 7/32	4 9/32	+ ⅛
32/6	Do. Pref.	34 0	34 6	−0/3
26/3	Calico Printers	26 3	27 3	
12½	Canadian Celanese	15¾	16¼	+ ¼
64 6	Coats	66/6	67 6	
7 11/16	Courtaulds	7¾	7 15/16	− 1/32
48/0	English Sewing Cotton	2 13/32	2 15/32	+0/3
48/6	Fine Spinners	50 0	51/0	+0/6
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1½	1 9/16	
31/6	Lister Ord.	33/6	34 6	
34 6	Nuera Silk	1 25/32	1 29/32	+ 1/32
26/0	Do. Def.	1¼	1 5/16	
39 6	Snia Viscosa	43/6	44 6	+1/0

TELEGRAPHS.

24½	Anglo-American Def	23¾	24¾	
35/0	Marconi Wireless Ord.	37 6	38/6	−1/0
2	Do. Pref.	2⅛	2¼	
—	Do. Deb.	104½	105½	+1
29/9	Do. Marine	29 6	30 6	
10/0	Do. Canada	10/6	11 0	+0/3
—	Oriental Telephone	2 7/16	2 9/16	
19	Radio Corporation	18⅞	19⅝	− ¼
11¼	Do. Pref. ($50)	11 1/16	11 5/16	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

25/9	African and East. Trade	25/9	26 9	+0/3
19/0	Amal. Dental Pref. Ord	18 6	19 6	
3¾	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref	3 11/16	3 15/16	
—	Associated Cement	21/0	21 6	+0/3
23/0	Borax Con. Def	1⅛	1¼	+ 1/32
227	Brazilian Traction	222	224	− ½
45/6	British Aluminium	45/3	46 3	+0/6
32 1/16	British Match	31 9	32/3	
39/6	British Portland Cement	39 6	40/6	+0/3
12/0	B.S.A.	11 6	12 0	−0/3
28/3	British Oil and Cake	1 15/32	1 17/32	+0/3
143	Brit. Col. Elec. Rail. Pf	147	150	+1
104/6	Brit Amer. Tobacco	105/0	105 6	
—	Bryant and May Pref.	2⅜	3⅝*	
19	Carreras	18⅝	18⅞*	
7 0	Chemical & Metal. (2/-)	6 10½	7/1½	
7⅝	Columbia Graphs.	7 19/32	7 21/32	+ 5/32
—	Crittal's Manufacturing	54 6	55 6	
32/6	Dunlop Rubber	33 6	33 9	−0/7½
—	Do 6 p.c. Deb.	104	106	
24/9	Do. "C" Prefs.	1 5/16	1 5/16*	
—	English Electric	8/9	9/3	+0/6
—	Finlay (James)	4½	4¾*	
33/6	General Electric Ord.	33 0	34 0	
9⅛	Gramophone Ord.	9⅝	9¾	+ ⅛
69/0	Harrods Stores	70/0	71 0	
16 0	Harrods (B.A.)	16/1½	16/4½*	
5 1/16	Henley's Telegraph	5	5⅛	
102/3	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	102/6	103 0	−/10½
38 9	Do. Canada	37/6	38 0*	
25/6	Imp. Chem. Indus. Pref	24/9	25 3	
31/10½	Do. Ord.	32/1½	32 7½	−0/1½
9/10½	Do. Def.	9 9	10 0	−0/1½
51/3	Johnson & Phillips	51/0	52/0	
44⅛	Kreuger and Toll	44½	45	
21/3	Lever 7 p.c. Pref	20 7½	21/1½*	
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	96	98	
—	London Irish Trust Stk	97	102*	
—	Margarine Un. Or. (p.p.)	22/3	23/3	−0/9
—	Do. 7 p.c. Cum. Pref.	10/4½	11 4†	
26	Mexican Trams	26	28	
78½	Do. L. and P. Bonds	77	80	
37/6	Parent Trust Def.	1⅝	1⅞*	
22/6	Platt Bros Ord.	1⅛	1 5/16	
—	Prov. Cine 7½ p.c. Pf. Ord	19/0	20/0*	
—	Reckitt Ord.	88/6	89 6	
33/0	Rolls Royce	32 6	33 6	+0/6
18/9	Roneo	1 3/16	1 5/16	
1 15/16	Salt Union	2	2⅛	+ ⅛
102½	San Paulo Tram Deb.	100	105*	
89	Shawinigan Water Debs	87	90*	
19½	Swedish Match "B"	19 9/16	19 11/16	
—	Taylor's Service	34/6	35 6	
—	Tilling Ord.	67/0	68/0	
—	Triplex Glass	13¾	14¼	+1
—	United Molasses	62 6	63 6	−0/6
—	U.C. Storage "A" Pref.	1 11/32	1 15/32	
—	Victor Talking Machine	53½	54½	− ¼
25/9	Vine Products Ord 5/- Sh	27 3	28 3	+0/6
47 6	Vocalion Gram.	38/9	39/3	−5/0
29/9	Wallpaper Def	31 0	31 6	+0/6

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The Christmas table at Jury's Hotel and Restaurant, Dublin. All the work on show was designed and executed on the premises by the head chef, Mr. B. Symes, and second chef, Mr. A. Duclos, and by the head baker, Mr. J. McDonald.

LONDON MINING MARKET FAIRLY FIRM.

KAFFIR SHARES IRREGULAR.

Yesterday, being pay day on the Stock Exchange, members were busy with the final arrangement of the account. No difficulties were experienced, and the tone all-round was quite firm, but it was obvious that with the near approach of the holidays public interest is gradually diminishing. However, the speculative departments could still boast some bright spots, though the Mining Market was not strongly represented in this respect. Kaffirs, in fact, were quite listless, and the few changes recorded were irregular in character, and mostly insignificant in extent. Of the Finance descriptions, Central Mining were inquired for on home and Paris account, and left off harder, and "Johnnies" received support, but Rand Mines, Union Corporation, Anglo-American and "Generals" were content to maintain former levels. Crown Mines and some of the low-priced descriptions came on offer and finished lower, but East Rand and West Rand were without alteration. There was very little business passing in Rhodesians, and Chartered moved idly within narrow limits all day, closing as on Wednesday. Sherwood Starr responded to an increased inquiry, and there was some nibbling at Cam and Motor, and a few of the other Gold shares, but quotable movements were few. Tanks and Zams held their ground, and most of the Northern issues were steady, though Bwana M'Kubwa, in the absence of fresh demand, fell back in turn. Selukwe, L. and R., and one or two others were dullish. Interest in Diamonds was almost non-existent. De Beers and Jagersfontein were without change, as were also Consolidated Diamonds, but offering of a few options on an unwilling market caused a slight set-back in the price. A shrinkage of 16s. 3d. to £265 16s. 3d. per ton occurred in the price of tin, and the Share market was less active than on several preceding days. Tronoh, Renong, Southern Perak, Kepong and Pengkalen were all better, and Malayan, allowing for the deduction of the dividend, were quite firm. Tin Selection were steady, but Northern Tavoy eased, and profit-taking in Kampar caused a sharp set-back in the West African department. A few realisations of Ashanti Goldfields reduced the quotation fractionally. Australians were again left to themselves, and no quotable alterations could be recorded. Paris made a few inquiries for Rio Tinto, and the price advanced, and Messina strengthened, but other Coppers were dullish. Russians and Canadians were idly steady, but among Miscellaneous shares there was a renewal of the demand for Burma Corporation. San Francisco were firm, but Minerals Separation were marked down. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

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23 0	Afric. & Eur.	22/9-23 3
21 0	Aml. Mg. Tst.	21 0-21 6
1 27/32	Anglo-A Cp.	1 13/16-1⅞
27 0	Anglo-Fr'ch	27 0-27 6
4 17/32	Brakpan	4 15/32-4 17/32
18⅛	Cent. Mining	18⅛-18⅜ + ⅛
0 3	Central West	0 3-0 5
1 5/32	City Deep	1⅛-1 3/16
2 15/32	Con. Goldfds	2 13/32-2 15/32* − 1/32
22/3	Cons. M. Reef	21/9-22 3 + 0 3
18 9	Con. M. Sel	18 3-18 9
3 15/32	Crown Mines	3 13/32-3 15/32 − 1/32
1 7/32	Durban Deep	10/9-11/3 − 0/3
16 7½	E. Rand Prop	16/3-16 9
4¼	Geduld	4 7/32-4 9/32
5 0	Gelden Deep	4/9-5 3
1⅞	Gen. Mining	1 27/32-1 29/32
5/16	Glynn's L'bg	¼-⅜
2 7/16	Govt. M. (£5)	2 1/16-2⅛
1 0	Brndles Plnt.	1 0-1 6
3/4½	Hendersons	3/4½-3 7½
47 0	Johan Invsts.	47 0-48 0 + 0/3
4/6	Kleinfontein	4/3-4 9
13 0	Knight's	13/3-13 9
22 0	Langlaagte E	21 9-22 3
2 9	Lydenb'g Plt	2 3-3 3
1 5/16	Meyer & Char	1 25/32-1 27/32
6 5/16	Modderfontein	5 29/32-5 31/32
27 3	Modder B	27/3-27 9
2 1/16	Modder Deep	2 1/16-2 3/16
1⅝	Modder East	1 23/32-1 25/32 + 3/32
1⅞	New S. Areas	1 27/32-1 29/32
6 6	Nigel	5 3-6 3 − 0 3
11 9	Nourse	11 4½-11/9
4 7½	Oceana Con.	4 7½-4/10½
4 0	Poltgeit'rust	3 9-4 3
3 15/32	Rand Mines	3 11/32-3 15/32
11 9	Randfontein	11/6-12 0
1 7/32	Robin Deep B	1 5/32-1 7/32 + 1/32
8 9	Rose Deep	8 0-8/6
3 9	Simmer & J.	3 9-4 0
1½	S.A. G. Trust	1 15/32-1 17/32
15 6	S.A. Towns	15 0-15 6
3 7/16	Springs	3 13/32-3 15/32 + 1/32
16 0	Sth.-W. Af.	15/6-16 6* + 0 9
3¾	Sub Nigel	3 11/16-3¾ + 1/32
3⅞	Trans. Del. B	3½-3¾* − 3/32
2¼	Trans. Con. L.	2⅛-2¼
10/3	Trans. Devel.	9/9-10/3
3⅝	Union Corp.	3 19/32-3 21/32*
⅞	Van Ryn	15/9-16 9
2 11/16	Do. Deep	2 21/32-2 23/32
2 5/32	Vereeniging	2 1/16-2⅛
4/0	Village Deep	3 6-4 0
12/9	West R. Con	12/0-12 6
26/0	West Springs	25 6-26 0
6/9	Wit. Deep	5/9-6 9

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8/4½	Bechuana Ex	8/3-8/9
8 0	[illegible] T.Sites	7/8-8/6
4/0	B. M'Kubwa	3/10½-4/1½ − 0/1½
2⅝	Cam & Motor	2 19/32-2 21/32
25/6	Char. B.S.A.	25 10½-26/1½
2 9	Falcon	2/6-3 0
13 0	Gaika Gold	12/6-13/6
14 0	Globe & Phœ	13/9-14 3
9 0	Gold F. Rho.	8/10½-9/1½
1 1/32	Lonely Reef	1-1⅛
1¼	Rezende	1 7/32-1 9/32
5/1½	R. Broken H.	5/0-5 3
1½	R. Congo Bor.	1 5/16-1 7/16
8/7½	Selukwe (2/6)	8/3-8 6 − 0/1½
16 3	Shamva	15/6-16 6
1 1/32	Sherw'd Star	1 1/16-1⅛ + 1/32
1½	S. Rhd. Mtls.	1 7/16-1 9/16
3 9/32	Tangan. Con.	3¼-3 5/16
3 1/32	Vic. Falls Ord	33 0-34 0
32 9	Do. Pref.	
23/3	Wankie Col.	23/0-24 0*
7 6	Willoughby	7/3-7 9
2¾	Zamb. Expl.	2 21/32-2 23/32

DIAMOND.

1 1/16	Angola Dia.	1 5/16-1 7/16
19 3	Cn. D.S.W.A	18/6-19 0
13¼	De Beers Def.	13 1/16-13 5/16
13	Do. Pref	12 13/16-13 3/16
3	Jagersf'tein	2 15/16-3 1/16
10 3	N. Val. Hlger	9 9-10 9
6¼	Premier Pref	5⅞-6⅛*
13/0	West African	12 6-13 6

AUSTRALIAN.

8 9	Amal. Zinc	7/16-½*
0 10½	Associated	0/9-1 0
23 9	B. Hill Prop.	23/0-24 0
2¼	Do. South	2 5/16-2 5/16
1 7/16	Elec. Zinc Pf.	1 7/16-1 9/16
4 9/32	Nth. Bn. Hill	4¼-4⅜
13 3	Sulphide Ord.	13/0-14/0
14 3	Sth. Kalgurli	14 0-15 0
15/32	Star Emld	5/16-7/16
1 31/32	Zinc Ord. (10/)	2-2 1/16
3 11/16	Do. Pref	3 11/16-3 13/16

COPPER.

11 0	Arizona (5/)	10/0-11 0
12 3	Messina	12/1½-12 4½ + 0/1½
27 3	Mount Lyell	25/6-26 6* − 0/4½
14 3	Mt. Morgan	13/6-14/6 − 0/6
1⅛	Namaqua	1-1⅛
43	Rio Tinto £5)	43⅛-43⅜ + ¼

RUSSIAN.

4/0	Lena Gold	3/10½-4/1½
3/0	Russo-Asiatic	2/10½-3/1½

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9/9	Anglo-C. (10/)	9 3-10 3
3 11/16	Aramayo	3⅝-3¾
28 3	Bauchi Ord	27/6-28 6
35/6	Do. Pref	1 25/32-1 25/32
12 9	Bisichi	12 6-13 0
20 0	Eastern Tr'st	19/6-20 6
2/3	Fabulosa	1/10½-2/4½ − 0/1½
2 19/32	Gopeng	2½-2⅝
2 9/32	Ipoh	2 9/32-2 11/32
26 0	Kaduna Synd	1 9/32-1 11/32
20 7½	Kamunting	20 0-20 6
2 7½	Karro	2/6-2 9
5/10½	Koffi Cons (5/)	5/9-6/0†
1⅞	Kram't Pulai	1¾-1 15/16*
31 6	Malayan T.D	30/3-30 9*
14 0	Mongu	13 9-14 3 + 0/3
1 15/16	Naraguta	1 11/16-1 15/16
14/0	Pahang (5/)	13 9-14/3
22 0	Rambutan	1 1/16-1 5/16*
6/3	Rayfield (10/)	6/0-6 6
22 0	Do. P. Pref.	1 1/16-1⅛
2	Renong	2 5/32-2 5/32 + 1/32
11 9	Ropp (4/)	11/6-12/0
27/9	Siamese	26/3-26 9*
3 0	Sth. Bukeru	2/9-3 9
17 0	Tavoy (4/)	16 9-17/3
7/16	Tin Props. (2/)	5/16-7/16
30/3	Tin Selec. Tst	30 0-31/0
19 9	Tronoh (5/)	19 6-20 0 + 0/1½

WEST AFRICAN.

33 9	Ashanti	34 3-35/3 − 0 3
10/6	Fanti Cons	10 0-10 6

MISCELLANEOUS.

3 9	Barrier Trust	3/7½-4/1½
14/1½	Burma Corp.	14/0-14 3 + 0/1½
13 3	Champ. Reef	13 0-14 0
1 5/16	Chos. Synd. A	1 1/16-1 5/16
12 0	Colombian P.	¾-⅞
1 1/16	Huronian Blt	1-1⅛
3 0	Keeley Silver	2/10½-3/1½
1 1/32	Kirkland L.	6/6-7/6
⅞	Mexico Min's	⅞-1
2 7/16	Min. Sepa't'n	2 5/16-2 7/16 − 1/16
16/0	Min. Crp. Can	15/9-16/3
18 3	Mysore (10/)	18/0-19 0
7/32	Nat. Min. (8/)	4/1½-4 4½
13 3	Nundydroog	13/0-14/0
15/6	Ooregum	15/0-16/0
10 0	St. J. Del Rey	9/6-10/6
28 0	San Fr'isco	28 3-28/9
17/0	Santa Gert	16/9-17/3
3/1½	Vipond	2/10½-3/1½
21/9	Waihi Gold	21 3-22 3

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active Stocks and Shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—74⅝, 9/16, 11/16, ¾, 25/32. **5 p.c. War Loan**—101, 100 15/16, ⅞, 31/32, 13/16, *1⅛, 100 29/32, *1. **4 p.c. War Loan**—100 15/16, ⅞, 1. **Funding Loan**—87 1/16, 6⅞, 15/16, 7, 3/32, 3/16, ⅓. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—76, 1/16, 3/32, ⅛, ¼, 5 15/16, 6 3/16, 5/16. **4 p.c. Consols**—86 5/16, 7/16, 11/32, ⅜, ½. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—98⅞, ½. **Aerated Bread** (x.d.)—31/3, 6d., 7½d., 1/-. **African and Eastern**—25/10½, 7½d., 9d., 6/1½, 3d. **Allied Newspapers Ord.**—70/-, 3d., 3¾d., 7½d., 69/6. **Amalgamated Press**—24/9, 5/-, 3d., 6d. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—49/-, 6d. **Associated Cement**—21/-, 3d., 1½d., 4½d., 20/10½. **Associated Newspapers Def.**—9⅜, ¼, 5/16, 13/32, 11/32. **Bovril Def.**—43/9, 3d., 4/-, 3/10½, 3d., 6d., 4/3, 7½d. **Bradley's (Chepstow)**—54/9. **Brazilian Traction**—223, 4, 3¼. **British-American Tobacco**—105/3, 6d., 5/-, 4½d. **British Celanese**—95/-, 7½d., *5/-, 6/10½, 3d., 8/1½, 6d., 5¼d., 7/9¾, 6d., 2¼d., 8/9, 6/6¾, *7/6. **British Match Ord.**—32/3, 1½d., 1/11¼, 10½d., 2/-. **British Oil and Cake**—29/-, 6d., 7½d., 9d., 10½d., 3d., 4½d. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—*108, ½, ⅛, ⅜. **Calico Printers**—26/-, 9d. **Canadian Pacific**—217⅝, ¾, ½, 18, *½. **Central Argentine Cons.**—95, ½, ⅛, ¼, ⅝, ⅜, 3/16. **Coats**—67/6, 3d., 6/9, 7/-, 4½d. **Courtaulds**—7 27/32, 51-64, 13/16, £7 16/9, *7¾. **Crosse and Blackwell**—5/9, 6¾d., 7½d., 6d., 5¼d. **Cunard Ord.**—26/3, 1½d.; **do. Debentures**—99¼. **"Daily Mail" Trust**—94/7½, 6d., 9d., 4½d., 5/-, 3d., 6d., 9d. **"Daily Mirror" Ord.**—8 19/32, 21/32, 9/16, ⅝, ¾. **Dunlop Ord.**—34/-, 1½d., 3d., 3/10½, *6d., 4/0¾, 3/7½, 6¾d., *4/-; **do. "C" Pref.**—24/9; **do. 6 p.c. Debs.**—*104, ¼; **do. Plantations**—10/4½, 3¾d., 7½d., 6¾d., 6d., *5¼d. **Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref.** (x.d.)—17/3. **English Sewing Cotton**—49/3. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—49/3, 10½d., 4½d., 50/-. **General Electric Ord.**—33/3, 9d., 4½d. **German 7 p.c. External Loan**—104, 3⅞, 13/16, 4½, ⅜, ¼. **Grand Central Rubber**—40/-. **Great Western Rail**—93¾, ½, ⅜, ⅝, ¼, ⅛; **do. 5 p.c. Pref.**—98¼, ½, ¾. **Greek 7 p.c. Refugee**—98⅝, ⅛, ⅜, ¼, ½. **Grout Ord.**—52/9. **Guinness Ord.**—472½. **Harland and Wolff Pref.** (x.d.)—16/-, 1½d., 3d. **Harrods Ord.**—70/-, 6d., 7½d., 3¾d. **Highlands Rubber**—52/6. **Hudson's Bay Ord.** (x.d.)—93/1½, 2/6. **Hungarian 7½ p.c., 1924**—102, ¼. **Imperial Chemical Ord.**—32/6, 4½d., 3d., 2/-, 4½d., 5¼d., 3¾d., *1½d.; **do. Def.**—10/-, 9/11¼, 6d., 9¾d., 10½d., *9d., 9d. **Imperial Tobacco**—103/3, 7½d., 4½d., 9d., 2/10½, 3/-, 6d., 1½d. **Inveresk Paper**—88/9, 6/6, 7/3. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.** (x.d.)—20/6, 9d., 7½d., *6d., 10½d., *1/1½. **Lister Ord.**—34/-, 3d., 7½d., 3/9, 6d., 4½d., 10½d., 4/4½, 1½d., *4/-, 6d. **London Asiatic Rubber**—6/9. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—75, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, 5/16, 4¾, ⅞. **London and N.E. Pref.-Ord.**—44, ⅛, 3½, ¾, ⅞, 13/16, ⅝, 4¼; **do. Def.-Ord.**—17¾, ½, 13/16, 11/16, ⅝, 9/16, *⅝, *½. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—80/10½, 7½d., 1/3. **Malayalam Rubber**—44/6, 7½d., 9d. **Marconi Ord.**—39/1½, 3d., 4½d., 9/-, 6d., 8/9, 3d., 40/-, 1½d., *39/4½, 10½d., *7/-, 6d., 4½d., *4½d., *3d., 9d., 8/-, *8/-, 10½d., *6d., 9/9; **do. Pref.**—42/6; **do. Marine**—30/-, 3d., 1½d.; **do. Canada**—10/6, 6¾d., 9d., 7½d., 5¼d. **Margarine Union Ord.**—22/6, 3d., 3/3. **Maypole Def.**—5/9, 6¾d., 8¼d., 7½d. **Metropolitan Rail**—68, ¼, ¾, ⅞, ⅝, 9, ¼, 8⅛, ½, ⅜. **Metropolitan District**—65¾, ⅞, 6, ¼, ½, ¾. **Parent Ord.**—21/10½; **do. Def.** (x.d.)—36/6, 3d. **Peruvian Corp. Pref.** (x.d.)—53¾, ½, 7/16, ¼, 3, ⅝, 2⅞, 3⅜. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—45/9, 7½d., 6/3. **P. and O. 5 p.c. Debs.**—99. **Provincial Cinema Theatres** (x.d.)—19/-, 6d. **Radio Corp. Com.**—19⅛. **Rubber Trust**—*42/6. **Selfridge Trust**—*50/-. **Smithfield and Argentine**—15/3. **Southern Rail Pref.-Ord.**—73¾, ⅞, 4; **do. Def.-Ord.**—37⅝, ⅞, 13/16, ½, 9/16, 13/16, ¾. **Sudan Plantations**—80/-, 7½d., 3d., 3¾d., 6d., 11¼d., 79/4½, 81/3. **"Sunday Pictorial" Ord.**—96/3, 5/7½, 6/10½, 5/11¼. **Swedish Match "B"**—19⅝, 17/32, £19 12/9, 19 9/16, 13/32. **Underground Income Bonds**—105½, ¾, 6, ⅛, ¼, 5⅞. **Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.**—19/9, 7½d., 20/-, 1½d. **United Dairies**—31/6, 7½d. **United of Havana Rail**—66, 5½, ¼. **United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.**—9/-, 1½d. **United Serdang Rubber**—6/11¼, 10½d., 7/-. **United Tobacco** (x.d. and bonus)—93/1½. **Vickers**—11/10½, 9d., 7½d., 9¾d., 6¾d. **Vine Products**—27/-, 6d., 5¼d., 3d., 9d., 4½d., 8/-, 3d., 6d., 7/7½, 8/1½, 4½d. **Watney Combe Def.**—275. **Westminster Bank**—19, ⅛, £19 2/3.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.

INCREASE IN PUBLIC DEPOSITS.

A seasonal expansion of £1,530,000 is shown in the note circulation of the Bank of England, against which there was an increase of £472,500 in the coin and bullion, the total of which has been raised to well above £150,000,000. Consequently the reserve is fully £1,000,000 lower at £31,352,490. There is an increase of £9,700,000 in the public deposits, but the other securities, presumably as a result of discounting short bills by the market, are fully £1,000,000 higher, and there is an increase of over £1,500,000 in the Government Securities. As a result of these movements the private deposits are £1,000,000 up at nearly £103,000,000. With the substantial addition to the combined deposits, and the appreciable drop in the reserve, the proportion of the latter to liabilities is 3½ lower at 25 13/16 per cent. Compared with this time last year the ratio shows an increase of ½ per cent., and the reserve of £944,000, but the coin and bullion is fully £1,500,000 smaller.

WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 21, 1927.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued	£169,151,760	Govt. Debt	£11,015,100
		Other Securities	8,734,900
		Gold Coin and Bullion	149,401,760
	£169,151,760		£169,151,760

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£42,983,992
Rest	3,388,453	Other Securities	64,954,661
Public deposits	18,444,845	Notes	30,373,045
Other deposits	102,902,214	Gold & Silver Coin	979,445
7-day & other Bills	2,631		
	£139,291,143		£139,291,143

Compared with last week:	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	1,530,090	—
Public Deposits	9,723,808	—
Other Deposits	1,060,427	—
Government Securities	1,675,000	—
Other Securities	10,210,355	—
Bullion	472,511	—
Rest	43,537	—
Reserve	—	923,130

Proportion of Reserve to Liabilities 25 13/16%, against 29 5/16 last week.

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and during the previous two years:—

	1927.	1926.	1925.
	£	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	138,778,715	141,265,355	145,728,590
Public Deposits	18,444,845	12,134,540	17,661,838
Other Deposits	102,902,214	107,939,596	108,300,201
Govt. Securities	42,983,992	31,367,539	45,422,526
Other Securities	64,954,661	76,279,412	79,796,152
Reserve of Notes & Coin	31,352,490	30,407,860	18,649,059
Coin & Bullion	150,381,105	151,943,215	144,621,643
Reserve to Liabilities	25 13/16%	25 5/16%	14 13/16%
Bank Rate	4½%	5%	5%
Consols	54 11/16	54	54⅞
Bar Silver	26⅜d.	24¾d.	31¾d.
Clearinghouse Return	£817,203,000	£731,959,000	£829,949,000

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer, at 5 p.m., 28.50.

Foreign Arrivals—Ambria, of Hamburg (756 tons), from Limerick, with a cargo of machinery; discharging at Alexandra Basin; Hafnia, of Bergen (739 tons), from Castellon and Valencia, with a cargo of fruit, discharged at Transit Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Longford, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Maple, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Olive, from Heysham, with passengers and goods; Slieve Bawn, South Stack, from Holyhead, with goods; Culzean, from Liverpool, with goods; Queenie, from Whitehaven, with ammonia; Kingstown, from Newport, with coals; Thelma, Margaret Lockington, from Garston, with coals; Slieve Donard, from Holyhead, light.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS EASIER.

As usual on a Thursday, there was less pressure for money. Day and short loans were generally obtainable at 3½ p.c., while towards the close the rate eased to 3 p.c. Old money was renewed at 3½ p.c. for a day or a week.

Bank Rate Discount (changed April 21 1927), 4½%					
60 days (fine)		4 5/16%			
3 months "		4 5/16%	Trade	4½	5 %
4 " "	4 5/16	4⅜%	"	4¾	5 %
6 " "	4 5/16	4⅜%	"	5	5½%
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day				3½	3¾%
" " for a Week					3½%
Deposit Allowance: Banks at Call					2½%
" " Discount Houses at Call					2½%
" " " " at Notice					2¾%

The discount market was idle, and rates were maintained at Wednesday's level. Fine two and three months' commercial bills were called 4 5/16 p.c., and the new Treasuries were offered at 4 9/32 to 4 5/16 p.c.

The Bank of England announced the purchase of bar gold valued at £1,532,000. Gold was unchanged at 84s. 10d. per fine oz. Spot silver recovered 1/16d. to 26 1/16d., and forward ⅛d. to 26⅛d. per oz., as a result of a little China buying, coupled with the small amount available.

The American exchange closed 1/32 up at 4.88 5/16. The Italian exchange was quoted 92.62½, owing to the announcement from Rome that the official rate has been fixed at 92.46. Spanish pesetas further recovered rather sharply, the quotation falling to 29.21, and to a smaller extent Belgium and Austria moved against us. Swiss francs were noticeably cheaper at 25.25½, and to a slight extent Germany, Holland, Denmark, and Greece moved in our favour

—	Dec. 22 Closing Rates		Dec. 21 Closing Rates		Par Rate
Amsterdam	12.07⅜	12.07⅝	12.07⅜	12.07½	12.10
B. Ayres	47¾	47 25/32	47 23/32	47 25/32	47⅝d.
Barcelona	29.15	29.17	29.39	29.41	25.22½
Berlin	20.42½	20.43	20.42¼	20.42¾	20.43
Brussels	34.89¾	34.90¼	34.90¾	34.91¼	35.00
Calcutta	1/6 5/32	1/6⅛	1/6 5/32	1/6⅛	2/0
Copenhagen	18.20¼	18.20¾	18.19¾	18.20¼	18.159
Geneva	25.25¼	25.25¾	25.24	25.24½	25.22½
Greece	366	367	365	367	25.22½
Helsingfors	193½	194	193½	194	193.23
Italy	92.60	92.65	89.95	90.00	25.22½
Kobe (p.yn.)	1/10 25/32	1/10 13/16	1/10 13/16	1/10 27/32	24.58d.
Montreal	4.88 15/16	4.89 1/16	4.88 15/16	4.89 1/16	4.86⅔
Montevideo	50¾d.	51¼d.	50¾d.	51¼d.	51d.
New York	4.88 9/32	4.88 11/32	4.88¼	4.88 5/16	4.86⅔
Oslo	18.33½	18.34½	18.33½	18.34½	18.159
Paris	123.95	124.05	123.95	124.05	25.22½
Prague	164⅝	164⅞	164⅝	164⅞	24.02
Rio de Jan.	5 29/32	5 15/16	5 29/32	5 15/16	27d.
Shanghai	2/7	2/7 9/16	2/7	2/7½	—
Singapore	2/4	2/4 7/32	2/4	2/4 7/32	2/4
Stockholm	18.07	18.07½	18.07	18.07½	18.16
Vienna	34.54	34.56	34.55	34.58	34.58½
Warsaw	43¼	43¾	43¼	43¾	25.22½

"THE BEST ABERDEEN STORY."

LABOUR M.P. ON PEOPLE'S PRUDENCE.

Mr. F. H. Rose, Labour M.P. for North Aberdeen, speaking yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Aberdeen Savings Bank, which increased its funds during the year by £510,695, and has now total funds of £6,400,000, emphasised the contrast between "the efforts of the working class people to do the right and prudent things," with the "extravagance that characterises the working of your financial administrators in the House of Commons."

He found in the report of the classification of new depositors that among workmen, labourers, and so forth, the average sum deposited was something less than £20. How they managed to save something out of "next door to nothing" was, he said, one of the examples of self-abnegation and of prudent virtue which might well be copied by those who sat in high places.

"The facts that are contained in this little book (the bank report), and which the mover of the report has put before me, are something I shall take back with me," he added, "and when people ask if I have any more Aberdeen stories, I shall tell them this one. I have learned an Aberdeen story to-day that is better than all the stories I have ever heard before." (Cheers.)

MINER WINS WAGES CLAIM.

Judge L. C. Thomas held at the Tredegar County Court yesterday that a miner, William Price, of Tredegar, was entitled to his wages when, at his employer's request, he stayed away from work owing to smallpox among his family. Price, who claimed £8 from the Oakdale Colliery Company, was awarded £6.

GAS RING VICTIMS.

AGED COUPLE FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Through a parcel left by a postman not having been taken in, William and Anne Hutchings, aged 80 and 79 respectively, were discovered lying dead in their bed on Wednesday evening at Berrow, near Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. Mr. William Coomy, a baker, with the aid of his son, forced the bedroom window, and discovered the pair in bed. There was a strong smell of gas, and the tap of a gas ring in the room was found turned on. A doctor was summoned, but found that both had been dead for some hours.

At the inquest last evening the Coroner, summing up, referred to a similar case at Tooting that day. It was extraordinary, he said, that two similar cases should have arisen. People with gas fires in bedrooms should take all due precautions.

A verdict of "accidental death" was recorded.

ITALY'S RETURN TO GOLD STANDARD.

PARTICULARS OF LATEST DECREE.

EFFECT ON THE POUND STERLING.

In accordance with the decree (law) approved on Wednesday by the Cabinet Council and issued yesterday, the Italian Government and the Banca d'Italia have adopted the gold exchange standard for Italian currency. Preliminary to this, arrangements were made at the Bank of England, in agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, for a central banks' credit, in which fifteen central banks in Europe and the United States are expected to participate.

The establishment of the gold exchange standard had been carefully considered and prepared for a long time past, and was based on the following preparatory measures:—

1. The balancing of the Budget, which in the last three financial years closed with considerable surpluses.
2. A settlement, with notable reductions in the amounts of the war debts to Great Britain and the United States of America, and the consequent creation of a special sinking fund for the external war debt.
3. Control of the foreign exchange market.
4. Concentration of the privilege of note issue with a single bank, and the replacement of Treasury notes by silver coin having an intrinsic value.
5. Strong measures of deflation, beginning with the withdrawal, without replacement, of 25-lire Treasury notes for an amount of 400 million lire, and the repayment to the Banca d'Italia of 2,500 million lire of advances by transfer of the net proceeds of the 100 million dollar Morgan loan.
6. Supervision of all banks by the Banca d'Italia.
7. Funding of the floating debt in Treasury bills which have been entirely converted into a perpetual loan, so that the nearest maturities which remain outstanding are Treasury bonds falling due in 1931, at the earliest.
8. Creation of a sinking fund for the internal national debt, which has immediately started to function by the purchase and cancellation, in the first three months of its existence, of 300 million lire of Government securities, and in the fourth month of a further 450 million lire.
9. Control of wholesale and retail prices.

MAINTENANCE OF NEW PARITY.

The Banca d'Italia, having concluded the above agreement with central banks for an amount of 75,000,000 dollars, and with a group of private banks, headed by Messrs. Morgan, for the equivalent of 50,000,000 million dollars, has at its disposal for the defence of the new gold parity an amount of 16,497 million lire, against about 17,500 million lire of notes outstanding, which gives a ratio of cover equal to 94 per cent., according to the terms of the decree, of which the text is appended.

The new mint parity is 19 lire to the United States dollar, which is equivalent to 92.46 to the £ sterling, and 3.65 to the gold franc.

Treasury notes, which have not yet been withdrawn, but are due for final withdrawal by the 30th June, 1928, will continue to be legal tender, together with the existing silver, nickel, and bronze token coinage, but only within prescribed limits.

The Banca d'Italia is authorised to calculate its gold assets on the basis of the new parity, and the balance arising from such revaluation of the reserve will be used for the total extinction of the debt due by the State to the Banca d'Italia in respect of advances to the Treasury. This last remainder of the floating debt, therefore, disappears.

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EFFECT IN NEW YORK.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

The strength of Italian issues, consequent upon the stabilisation of the lira, was the outstanding feature of the Bond Market to-day. The entire Italian list, including Municipal Government, and industrial obligations, shot up nearly two points, in some instances reaching the previous high levels of the year.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan and Co. to-day announce the extension of a $25,000,000 credit to the Banca d'Italia in connection with the stabilisation of Italian currency.

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Mr. C. Gilbert Shankey, M.A., headmaster of Kilkenny College, and his bride (Miss E. K. Thrift, M.Sc., second daughter of Professor W. E. Thrift and Mrs. Thrift) leaving Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, yesterday after their wedding.

TELL-TALE FOOTPRINT.

DETECTIVE'S STORY OF A BURGLARY.

The impressions of a rubber-soled shoe on an office cushion was stated, at Leeds Police Court yesterday, to have led to the arrest of Thomas William Cull (46), who was sent for trial on a charge of window breaking and theft. Eli Kurse (64), tailor, of Bridge street, Leeds, was also committed for trial on a charge of receiving parcels of newly made cloth, which Cull was alleged to have stolen from the premises of Messrs. J. and O. Croisedale, cloth manufacturers, at Stanningly.

Evidence was given by a police photographer, an engineer's draughtsman, and a shoemaker.

Detective-Sergeant Holland stated that during the night of November 27 last the premises were entered by a person, who climbed a fifteen feet fall pipe, and smashed a window on the first floor. On the cushion of an office chair, under the window, was the imprint in mud of the rubber sole of a man's left foot shoe. On December 15 Holland visited Kurse's shop, and, he said, identified three parcels of stolen cloth, which Kurse told him he had possessed for a number of years. When comparing the cloth with a sample Cull entered the shop. Holland said that he examined Cull's boots, and found that the left sole corresponded with the mark on the cushion.

Kurse was further charged with receiving three raffia bags, and one silk bag, which had formed part of the missing goods stolen from a "Charles Dickens" Bazaar, promoted for a church in Leeds, and which had been rifled before the opening ceremony.

Further charges of receiving were made in respect of stolen cloth from other mills.

Cull was then charged with breaking into the premises of the Leeds Metre Co. Works with intent to steal. In this case it was stated that a fooprint which corresponded wih his left sole was found on the linoleum of the firm's diningroom. Entrance had been effected by a fall pipe and a broken window. Micrometers, drills, and workmen's smocks had been stolen, and were afterwards discovered in Bradford on the premises of a man against whom charges had been made for receiving a large quantity of stolen property.

Bail was allowed in the case of Kurse.

MOTHER AND CHILD FOUND DROWNED.

"For a long time I have had a feeling that I cannot get well, and cannot face the future. My nerves are gone, and I fear I am only a worry to myself and everyone else. We have been very happy in years that are gone, and you must try to forget me." This farewell message to a husband was read yesterday at the inquest on Mrs. T. M. Sibly and her nine months old baby, whose bodies were recovered from the canal at Stonehouse, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Sibly, a son of the founder of Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, said that he and his wife had lived happily together. Recent illness developed nerve trouble.

Verdicts of "suicide during mental depression" and "murder" were recorded.

CHEMIST'S ALLEGED CONFESSION.

Described as a "research chemist," Hindley Richard Powell was committed to the assizes by the Birmingham Stipendiary yesterday on charges of obtaining five guineas by false pretences, and of bigamy.

Accused man, who was arrested at Leicester, was stated to have told the police that since August he had obtained from various people an average of £2 per week as a member of the order of the Servants of the Poor for Cases of Distress, in which he was personally interested. He had spent the money on foods and distributing it to women with whom he had been living, and to their children.

The King has approved the creation of the post of Keeper of Dumbarton Castle, and has appointed thereto, by warrant dated December 22, 1927, Sir George Murray Home Stirling, Bart., D.S.O., Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the 9th Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

HOUSING SCANDAL IN SCOTLAND.

FAMILY OF TEN AND TWO DEAD CHILDREN IN ONE ROOM.

During a discussion on the housing question at a meeting of Stirlingshire Western District Committee, Mr. Lindsay, one of the Justices of the Peace, made the startling announcement that there was a case before the Parish Council of eight children, a man and his wife, and two dead children, in a single-apartment house.

The Chairman remarked that it was a dreadful state of affairs.

FOUR VICTIMS OF GAS POISONING.

The Newton (Montgomeryshire) gas poisoning accident, which caused the deaths of an aged woman and her two children, claimed another victim yesterday, when Mrs. Moody, one of four other persons who had been removed to the Montgomeryshire Infirmary, died.

Mrs. Moody was about 60 years of age, and her cottage adjoins that in which the woman and her grandchildren were found dead. The three other people in the infirmary are recovering. A crack has been discovered in the service pipe leading from the gas main to houses above those in which the deaths occurred.

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17 HERBERT place, vacant, 9 rooms, all modern conveniences, excellent garage, Pembroke lease, 58 years, at £6 14/6, P.L.V. £41; price £1,500.—H. G. Levingston, 3 Dawson street, Dublin. 8 15

100 SANDFORD road for Sale, six apartments; low rates; long lease. 22 C

HOUSES WANTED.

HOUSE with enclosed yard and some grazing land; would repair. Address "Z 4123, House," this office. 20 E

WANTED, Donnybrook neighbourhood, small House, about £500-£600; possession.—Q 455, this office. 19 E

WANTED to Purchase, modern, medium size Terrace House, Rathgar (upper) or Terenure district.—Q 460, this office. 21 E

WANTED, small House, Half House, or Flat, in or near Dublin. Address "Z 4127, House," this office. 21 B

WANTED, February 1st for a few months, small House or self contained Flat (three bedrooms) or really first class Apartments (two bedrooms and sittingroom), with attendance; very quiet couple; early dinner. Address "Z 4124, House," this office. C

APARTMENTS TO LET.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

APARTMENTS Agency—Lists on application; Flats, Board Residence, Furnished Apartments.—Miss White, 25 Nassau street. T

AT Auburn, Herbert street—Select Board Residence; visitors or permanent. 8 15

AT 19 North Great George's street—Comfortable Accommodation, suit two or three gentlemen; Board as desired; terms moderate. 19 F

A SELF contained Flat, separate lavatory, bath, gas, electric; £65.—42 Westland Row. 21 B

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FURNISHED Hall Flat, two or four rooms, kitchenette.—33 Northumberland road, Ballsbridge.

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67 FITZWILLIAM square—Unfurnished Drawing-room Flat vacant, three rooms and kitchenette; garage. 19 E

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GENTLEMAN requires Sittingroom, Bedroom and Breakfast; central position.—Q 476 this office. 21 B

SEASIDE AND COUNTRY.

HOUSES TO LET AND WANTED.

A RESIDENCE (non basement) Wanted for term, with lawn of 3 to 8 acres, near rail and post office, in County Dublin or counties bordering; solvent tenant. Address "Z 4139, Residence," this office. 21 E

SEASIDE AND COUNTRY CONTINUED

APARTMENTS TO LET AND WANTED.

AT 14 Longford terrace, Monkstown—Unfurnished Flats, Single Room; facing sea. 19 E

AT Sandycove (sea front), beside Ashton—Select Private Guest House; every comfort; moderate. 21 E

AT sea front, Kingstown—Let, choice Unfurnished Flat, four rooms.—Megahey, Auctioneer, Sandycove. 22 C

TO Let, 5 Crofton Mansions, Crofton road, Dun Laoghaire, self-contained Flat, with 4 rooms, bath, kitchen, pantry and cellar; redecorated; £100 per annum inclusive. Apply to Caretaker, or H. G. Levingston, 3 Dawson street, Dublin. 8 15

MISCELLANEOUS.

AT Sharpley's, Baby Linen Specialists—Ladies invited write for Catalogue Baby Linen, Accouchement, Nursery Requisites.—Nassau street, Lower Camden street. T

AUSTIN Kane's—Ladies' Hair Tinting and Waving Specialists. Wig and Transformation Designer.—21 Wicklow street. T

AT Ogden's, 8 Lower Baggot street (late of Junior Army and Navy Stores—Spiced Rounds of Beef for Christmas; weights from 4lb. upwards, 1/- per lb. Now ready. 31 18

AT Goggin's, 13 Nassau street—Handsome Christmas Gifts, great variety, from 1/-. Every article reduced. 19 E

ASSOCIATION Football—Notes by a Special Correspondent in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. 20 F

BARGAINS in Pictures, religious, secular, large selection Oval Mirrors; Pictures framed; cheapest in town.—87 Marlborough street.

CHRISTMAS Presents—Cardigans, 12/11; Pullovers, 14/11; Golf Stockings, 6/6; Fancy Socks, 2/11; Handkerchief and Tie to match, 4/11; Braces in fancy box, 4/6; Ladies' Lisle Stockings, 2/6; Boys' Knicker Stockings, 3/6.—Scott Cooper, 5 South King street. 17 F

CORRESPONDENCE is invited with Irish Firms for supply and erection of Windmill Pump in County Mayo. Address, by letter, "Z 4111, Pump," this office. 19 E

CROSS-WORD Puzzle for Pleasure and Profit—See the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. 20 F

ELASTIC Stockings, from 5/- each; Abdominal Belts, 5/6; new Rupture Appliances, Medical Sundries; price list on application.—Blake's Medical Stores, 21 Fownes's street, Dublin 48 19

GRATEFUL Thanks Sacred Heart, Blessed Virgin, Intercession, Saint Anthony, Blessed Teresa favours confidently expected.—F.N.

HEALTH Talks, by a Physician, in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 20 F

IN Memoriam Cards—Wood Printing Works, Fleet street, Dublin, General Printers. 'Phone, 1407. 26 3

INCHICORE United Workingmen's Club Goose Club Draw. Result:—First Prize, No. 3101—B. McGrane, Inchicore; Second Prize, 9871—Mrs. Mullen, Park st., Inchicore; 3rd do., 7245—McAvoy, Inchicore; 4th do., 2411—D. Byrne, Inchicore; 5th do., 854—T. Faulkner, Tyreconnell street, Inchicore; 6th, 3771—Jos. Doran, Inchicore; 7th do., 9289—Madge Doyle, Church street, Howth; 8th do., 12751—T. Mathers; 9th do., 905—J. J. Brennan, Phibsborough avenue; 10th do., 415—D. Clothier, Inchicore; 11th do., 8578—P. J. Hendrick, 27 Arran quay; 12th do., 4083—J. Kavanagh, Inchicore; 13th do., 4448—T. Traynor, Clondalkin; 14th do., 36—M. Treacy, North Strand; 15th do., 6157—J. Canning, Meter Repairs Shop; 16th do., 12489—J. Mulligan, Turvey avenue, Inchicore; 17th do., 8983—L. Tierney, Knocknietten; 18th do., 1220—Mrs. L. Doran, 73 Lower Mount street; 19th do., 4431—T. Traynor, Clondalkin; 20th do., 11004—James O'Connor, Harman street; 21st do., 2766—Agnes Reilly, Drimnagh Cottage, Inchicore; 22nd do., 11670—A. Ledwidge, 24 Arnott street; 23rd do., 4605—Joseph Flynn, Boiler Shop, Inchicore; 24th do., 1199—Miss K. Balfe, —; 25th, 7034—Madge D'Arcy, 38 O'Curry road; 26th, 7611—John Armstrong, Meath square; 27th do., 359—F. Harvey, Inchicore; 28th do., 11674—M. O'Connor, Royal Bank; 29th, 4809—M. Kelly, 25 Bolton street; 30th do., 4406—T. Christian, Clondalkin. Numbers of unreturned Books of Tickets will be published in the Evening Papers on 31st December. Prizes may be claimed between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. to-day (Friday) and Saturday. Prizes not claimed by 9 p.m. on Saturday will be forfeited.

MARBLE Altars, etc., erected in Showrooms for inspection at 42 Pearse street, Dublin—Edmund Sharp, Ecclesiastical Sculptor. Large High Altar and Tabernacle, in White Statuary Marble, with Reredos, etc., in White Stone and coloured Marble; small High Altar, all marble; Lady Altar, in Marble and Stone, with Venetian Mosaics; Marble Altar, with Open Canopy, etc., 8' 0" table; two small Shrines to B.V.M. and Sacred Heart, in White Marble; life size Statue of Immaculate Conception, in White Marble; life size Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, in White Marble, standing on Granite Pedestal. Inspection respectfully solicited. Marble Baptismal Fonts, Holy Water Fonts, Statues, etc., to be Sold at almost pre-war prices. The largest works of the above kind in Great Britain and Ireland. Also Crosses, Monuments, Headstones and Mural Tablets, to be Sold cheap. Measurements taken for Altars, etc., and Designs and Prices submitted free of charge. 21 D

MONKSTOWN Hockey Club. Result of Draw for £5 Note—Winning Ticket, No. 65. Apply E. Dormer, 37 Corrig avenue, Dun Laoghaire.

MASTERING the Steps of the Tango (Illustrated)—See the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 20 F

OVERCOATS Turned as new, from 17/6; Suits and Costumes, from 25/-. North City Tailors, 21 Lower Ormond quay, Dublin. 26 24

PITMAN Fellowship—Owing to non-return of cards Stop Watch Competition unavoidably postponed until January.—O'Malley, Treasurer.

PLEASE arrange.

QUEEN'S Nurses' Benevolent Fund. Result of "Golden Ballot." Winning Numbers:—3658, 3089, 2486, 2534, 8969, 8464, 485, 8749, 5103, 8560, 2067, 1619, 8824, 8207, 486, 3989, 2187.

Q. K.—So grateful for loving letter. No, how could it matter? I want you. Would you not suffer, even inconvenience?

RESTITUTION—Mr. Johnstone, Sandymount, acknowledges with thanks, having received £2.

WIRELESS—A Two-Valve Circuit is illustrated in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 20 F

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